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54 SSHS employees served 90-day termination notices

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REPORTER

Employees of the Saipan Southern High School were issued 90-day termination notices on Monday, a jarring start to a week that is supposed to celebrate and show appreciation to island teachers.

Among NMI options is to raise 5-year threshold

Fitial forms working group ahead of May 18 hearing in Washington, DC

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A newly-formed working group led by Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, Lt.

Fire razes 2 abandoned buildings

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Another fire broke out yesterday afternoon, razing to the ground two abandoned buildings of the defunct Marianas Garment Manufacturing in Chalan Piao.

The blaze was reported to the Department of Public Safety at 3:36pm. No one was reported injured.

DPS spokesman Eric David told *Saipan Tribune* that investigators are still looking into the cause of the blaze.

David said the fire razed

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In a memorandum to all 54 SSHS employees, school principal Craig Garrison said the notice—a result of funding shortage for the school's operation and personnel costs—becomes effective today, May 5.

However, if enough resources



Garrison

room teachers.

become available to retain their services or renew their contract, these employees will be notified, he added.

SSHS has a total of 54 employees, of which 32 are classroom teachers.

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A fire of still unknown cause razes two abandoned buildings of the defunct Marianas Garment Manufacturing in Chalan Piao yesterday afternoon.

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Kilili opposes 'discriminatory' AZ immigration law

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CNMI Delegate to the U.S. Congress Gregorio Kilili Sablan opposes the newly enacted immigration law in Arizona but clarified that it has yet to become effective.

Responding to concerns

raised by a constituent in Arizona who claimed he was asked to show identification as proof that he was not an illegal immigrant, Sablan said it is important for Chamorros living in or traveling through Arizona to understand that the new law will only become effective in July 2010.

Once in effect, Arizona state and local law enforcement may request individuals to provide proof of immigration status under very specific circumstances only, he said. However, it does not allow businesses to request proof of status before providing services, he added.

Segundo Castro, president and founder of the Saipan Tiniian Student Association, said that he, along with his companions, were asked to show proof of U.S. citizenship by a private firm in Arizona during a wire transfer transaction.

Sablan said he has already

contacted Wal-Mart Corp.'s Office of Federal Government Relations about the incident and that the company wants more details of the incident so it could look into the matter and take any necessary action.

Sablan, who was contacted for assistance by Segundo, said he opposes this new law.

"I want you to know that I oppose the new Arizona immigra-

tion law. I believe it can lead to discrimination based in part on race, color, or national origin," Sablan told Castro in his letter yesterday, also providing copy of the legislation.

Sablan said he is joined in this sentiment by Rep. Raúl Grijalva of Arizona and fellow members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, who are outspoken in their criticism of the law.

National Park Services cites Nogis for littering

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The National Park Services has issued a citation to controversial Public Lands consultant Felix R. Nogis for allegedly leaving

a large amount of trash during a recent party at the American Memorial Park in Garapan.

National Park Service ranger Brian Piercy cited Nogis for littering on April 26. Piercy filed a statement of probable cause

for issuance of an arrest warrant or summons in the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Monday.

Attorney Joseph Norita Camacho, who represents Nogis, said the U.S. and CNMI Constitutions presume that a person is innocent, even

in a minor citation for an infraction.

"As Mr. Nogis' attorney I respectfully caution the public from rushing to conclusion or speculating before knowing all the facts of a situation. Facts in a citation are only allegation,"

Camacho said.

Nogis was initially scheduled to appear in federal court on May 13 at 9am but clerk of court Galo R. Perez issued a notice yesterday rescheduling the hearing to May 18 at 8am.

Piercy stated in court papers that while he was on duty at the American Memorial Park on April 26, a maintenance staff

told him about a large amount of litter at the park's softball field.

Piercy said it was determined in the follow-up investigation that the table used for the party had been reserved by Nogis.

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Over 220 withdraw Fund contributions; \$2.5M paid out

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Since the start of the fiscal year in September last year, over 200 members of the NMI Retirement Fund have already withdrawn their contributions to the program and more are expected to do so before the agency finally stops the withdrawals in July this year.

Fund records show that, from Sept. 23 last year through April 9 this year, a total of 223 individuals have already withdrawn their contributions. *Saipan Tribune* learned that the Fund paid out a total of about \$2.5 million to these individuals.

On a monthly basis, the Fund paid out approximately \$371,000 of these refunds, which translates to an average of about \$12,000 per head, based on the September 2009 through April 2010 figures.

Fund officials project that over 300 members will withdraw their contributions by the end of the fiscal year on Sept. 30, 2010, unless the board acts to stop the withdrawals. Total payouts for

the projected 300-plus members will reach \$5.3 million.

The Fund's board of trustees initially adopted Resolution 09-003 in July last year to cease all refund payments effective Sept. 1, 2009, to prevent the Fund's total collapse.

However, in October 2009, the board voted to suspend implementing the resolution until February this year, in consideration of government employees who were expected to become jobless as a result of federalization. The U.S. government took over CNMI immigration in November 2009, effectively displacing hundreds of employees who used to handle this function. It was earlier disclosed that the affected employees were planning to withdraw their Fund contributions as majority were not eligible to retire.

The board then voted to further suspend implementing the resolution until July this

year after some government employees who expected to lose their jobs appealed to the board for consideration.

Based on the Fund's proposed budget for FY 2011, the board of trustees initially allocated \$3.5 million for refund payments. However, based on the current rate of withdrawals, the board will have to readjust the allocated amount for refunds.

Saipan Tribune learned that the Fund is now in the process of revising its budget for 2011 to reflect a more realistic amount.

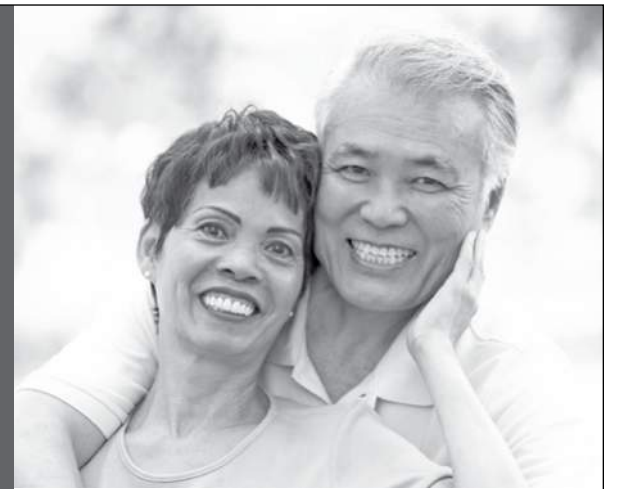
Since 2007 to July 2009, the Fund has recorded over 900 refund applications and has paid out \$8 million.

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Family Court Client Services gets national recognition

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The Superior Court's Family Court Client Services Program has received recognition at the national level, conducting a presentation at the Western Regional Workshop in Phoenix, Arizona.

"We are kind of proud about this thing. It's great to be acknowledged for getting federal money and spending it wisely," Superior Court associate judge Kenneth Govendo said in a news briefing yesterday at the Family Court's office.

Govendo said he believes that without the federal grant money, half of the Family Court's staff

will be gone and that it will be an overwhelming job for them because it is clear there will be no local funding available.

"We need the federal funds and we are very happy that we are pleasing them," he said.

The judge said the Bureau of Justice Assistant and the National Criminal Justice Association have recognized the Superior Court's Family Court Client Services Program as one of the Western region's "best practice" evidence-based programs.

Govendo said both groups invited the CNMI to showcase its program by presenting in the 2010 Western Regional Workshop on Evidence-Based Policy

and Practice.

FCCS implements programs for families who go through the court system to seek relief. It assists families in crises by improving current services, offering additional services, training judges and staff, and creating an accessible and comprehensive Pro Se Center.

FCCS was also nominated for the NCJA 2010 Outstanding Criminal Justice Program Award, which will be awarded in August at the organization's annual conference.

Govendo said BJA and NCJA are two of their main funding agencies.

"We receive the money through

the Criminal Justice Planning Agency, which receives federal funds at first," he said.

Govendo said he and Family Court manager Patrick V. Diaz conducted a PowerPoint presentation about the FCCS at the Western Regional Workshop in Arizona on April 7 and 8.

Govendo said delegates from all Western states, including Alaska and Hawaii, attended the workshop.

The CNMI delegation included CIPA executive director Jerome Ierome, CIPA supervisory council member George J. Cruz, and Family Court coordinator Heather Barcinas.

"On the first day of the work-

shop, Gov. Benigno Fitial made opening remarks. He was the only governor present," Govendo said.

At the workshop, Govendo said he and Diaz presented details about the services provided by the Family Court Division and how federal funds are used to make the court services easily accessible to families.

Diaz said that, at the presentation, they highlighted what services they provide and showed some data about the major improvement they did in terms of collecting child support, processing pro se litigants and bringing them to court in a timely manner.

Diaz said the response from

the participants were very positive. "We basically educated them about what practices we do, and how we improve our system, and how our system has improved basically for families and pro clients in the Commonwealth," he added.

Govendo thanked CIPA "for its hands-on help for our projects" and Presiding Judge Robert Naraja for his "unfailing and continuous support to the Family Court."

Govendo hopes this national honor will get the Family Court mentioned for the first time in Chief Justice Miguel Demapan's next State of the Judiciary Address.

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"As you know the dynamics of funding public education and a host of other politics are involved in the sustainability of operations at our schools. What this means is that, as school leaders, we have the responsibility to [e]nsure our schools maintain the highest performance and standards that we can, given our limited resources in our effort not to have our programs cut or affected by decisions made outside the school or by its personnel," Garrison's memo to individual employees stated.

He pointed out that the memo abides by the school's contractual obligations under Public School System regulations and the Fair Labor Standards Act.

In an interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, Garrison said this was the first time such a notice has been served across the board at SSHS, and he believes it to be the first among all public schools on the islands.

"I issued the 90-day notice to all employees as a universal precaution, as the school looks at significant restructuring of staffing and program opportunities due to significant projections that may increase enrollment, and reduction of budget, includ-

ing operation, which continues to be frozen, and including support staff, which continues to be frozen as well," he explained.

Garrison described the move as "effective management of resources."

He disclosed that SSHS was allocated an operational budget of \$130,000 this fiscal year. It has already spent about \$40,000 of this amount. The rest, he said, has been frozen for quite some time now due to the government's budgetary problems. Local funds pay for the operation of public schools and salaries of personnel.

On numerous occasions, Garrison said, teachers use their own money to buy supplies just so they could keep the school running.

"The bottom line here is we have no operational budget to continue running the school," he said.

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan emphasized that immediate supervisors are the ones that issue notices to their staff regarding employment contracts.

"The fact that he issued out to everyone that blanket letter—and I have already discussed the matter with him—at this point in time I would rather not discuss it [publicly] because it involves personnel matters that should be

addressed at our level," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*.

Some SSHS teachers, who agreed to speak on condition of anonymity, expressed disappointment with the memo, saying they feel demoralized and humiliated. Other employees, however, said they understand the situation and just hope for the best for SSHS.

Shocking news

Garrison admitted that many employees approached him on Monday, asking for an explanation and clarification after receiving the memo. There were also some, he said, who went through

other channels such as the Commissioner's Office to air their disappointment.

"Although it's probably a shock to some people, let's not exaggerate it. Some people do not understand educational policy...many teachers have come forward to me and aired their concerns and I alleviated those concerns by explaining the situation," Garrison said.

He said that due to budget constraints, some staff may be reclassified into different positions or some positions may be eliminated to free up new essential posts.

"[An] example is switching

a school aide post to a maintenance position. Although the school aide may not qualify being a maintenance worker, if the school needs to have another maintenance worker...we can do that. Because everything is frozen, I have to release one position and free it up so we can offer other positions," he explained.

Because the school year has yet to end, Garrison said they have yet to determine the exact staffing needs for the school.

"But should we need to switch posts, reclassify, or otherwise release some FTEs to create new FTEs with the

same money, we have contractual obligations in notifying these people. ...This is a universal precaution that is consistent with every district in the nation," he added.

He said he wants to make sure that he retains high quality personnel that are dedicated and committed to the school, as shown by their time and attendance, their commitment to students, their active participation of learning outside the classroom, and the quality of work they produce.

The week of May 3 to May 7 has been designated as Teachers Appreciation Week.

AMONG

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the working group, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

The U.S. Department of the Interior had recommended a cutoff period of five years' stay in the CNMI for an alien worker to be considered for improved immigration status.

Deleon Guerrero, chairman of the House U.S. and Foreign Relations, said the committee will work hard on this immigration issue.

"I would like the people to know that this is not an easy issue. At some point in time, we have to represent our people, and come together to do the right thing," he added.

Fitial formed the working group yesterday to review Interior's report and recommendation to the U.S. Congress on the status of alien workers, and then come up with a unified CNMI position on the matter.

Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota) and Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), who are also members of the working group, said the team intends to come up with a unified position in time for a congressional oversight hearing on federalization issues on May 18 in Washington, D.C.

Press secretary Angel Demapan separately said yesterday that

Fitial will be testifying in the May 18 hearing, to be conducted by the U.S. House Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, chaired by Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo.

The Fitial administration said existing federal laws already provide long-term immigration status or pathways to citizenship for long-term foreign workers, and is questioning the rush toward granting preferred status to alien workers in the CNMI.

Bordallo's office said yesterday that Bordallo, as chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, will continue to oversee the implementation of Public Law 110-229 or the Consolidated Natural Resources Act "to ensure that the federalization of immigration in the CNMI and the joint visa waiver program is conducted properly."

Assistant Interior Secretary for Insular Affairs Tony Babauta said the CNMI can submit its comments on the Interior report to the U.S. Congress.

Interior recommends to Congress that thousands of alien workers who have lawfully resided in the CNMI for a minimum of five years be allowed to apply for long-term status under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

These include conferring

them with U.S. citizenship, permanent residency leading to U.S. citizenship, or a status similar to those given to citizens of Freely Associated States.

U.S. Public Law 110-220 or the federalization law gives Interior until May 10, 2010, to submit the report. It contains data on the alien population in the CNMI, as well as recommendations for long-term status for the alien population.

The recommendation has stirred debate in the CNMI since Interior made it public on Friday.

Work group members

Demapan said as of yesterday, there are at least 13 members of the working group, including Fitial and Inos.

There are three members each from the Senate and House of Representatives.

As Senate president, Manglona appointed two other senators to the working group: Hofschneider, who is chairman of the Federal and Foreign Relations and chairman of the Tinian Legislative Delegation; and Senate Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan).

At yesterday's meeting in the governor's conference room, all nine senators were present, while only six of 20 House members were present.

House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) was not

feeling well yesterday, and House Vice Speaker Felicidad T. Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan) attended the meeting on his behalf. Other House members who attended were Deleon Guerrero, Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Ramon Basa (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan), and Floor Leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan).

Demapan said other members include the heads of the departments of Labor and Commerce, Marianas Visitors Authority, and the Office of the Attorney General.

"We are also inviting the Saipan Chamber of Commerce to become a member of the working group. The number of members can still increase," Demapan said.

The Fitial administration said it is "deeply disappointed" by Interior's lack of proper consultation and its submission of a report to the U.S. Congress six hours before local leaders had a chance to see the report's contents for the first time last Friday.

Alien worker groups led by the United Workers Movement-NMI are also now working on a strategy of their own to ensure that Congress will act swiftly on Interior's recommendations.

FIRE

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two separate one-story semi-concrete buildings. Firefighters placed the blaze under control after just a few minutes.

When *Saipan Tribune* left the scene at 5:50pm, there were still some minor flames licking the two buildings.

The land where the buildings sit is reportedly owned by the Cabrera family.

A fire occurred in the same factory on July 9, 2008, resulting in the evacuation of over 200 workers. Nobody was hurt. Arson investigators concluded then that the cause of

the blaze was faulty electrical wiring. Nobody was charged or cited, as it was considered accidental.

MGM ceased active garment manufacturing on Dec. 8, 2008, but the factory officially closed on Feb. 7, 2009.

Last weekend, two bush fires and a trash fire occurred in Chalan Kanoa, As Perdido, and Tuturam, burning a few houses, three auto shops, affecting other establishments, and causing health threats among some residents.

Last April 23, a fire of unknown cause razed an abandoned building previously occupied by King Photo in front of Mt. Carmel Church in Chalan Kanoa.

Public Health, PSS, others: Do not legalize marijuana

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Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez, Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan and four other community members expressed opposition to a bill that would legalize marijuana in the CNMI during a public hearing at the Legislature on Monday night.

Of the 14 people who signed up on the public hearing held by the House Natural Resources Committee, six government officials and four private citizens spoke against House Bill 17-47.

No one stood up to support the bill.

But Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan), author of H.B. 17-47, said his bill has many "silent supporters." He said it's still premature to say that there's overwhelming opposition to his bill.

Villagomez recommends to the House Natural Resources Committee to use the bill instead to serve as the mechanism to educate the CNMI about marijuana, including its negative effects and medicinal benefits, and then "let the public decide on how they want to deal with this issue."

He said the committee may also take the first step in addressing the possible legalization of marijuana "for medical purposes instead of pushing for legalization for all purposes."

Torres's bill seeks to legalize marijuana to lessen alleged criminal activities related to marijuana planting and/or selling.

"While I have no legal argument against this conclusion, the fact remains that marijuana is a mood-altering drug and as such, will have an effect on the health of the individual," said Villago-

mez, who has over 15 years experience as a substance abuse professional, treating people addicted to drugs and alcohol.

He said it will not be surprising to see increased treatment of chronic marijuana, similar to increased treatment of people abusing alcohol and tobacco should the bill becomes law.

Two leading drugs in the world—alcohol and nicotine—have been the leading cause of morbidity and mortality in the CNMI, Villagomez said.

Torres said that medicinal marijuana, while legal in at least 14 states, has both its proponents and opponents.

\$10 million federal grant in jeopardy

Villagomez also said that his department may lose over \$10 million in federal grants should the bill becomes law. Under federal law, marijuana remains a Schedule I drug and is illegal to use and possess.

He said if one of the goals of legalizing marijuana is to reap potential economic windfall with the commercialization of marijuana growing and use, then the committee should commission a study to look at similar places that have done it.

"It must be shown that legalizing marijuana will greatly surpass whatever federal funding levels we currently now realize," Villagomez said.

Besides Villagomez and Sablan, others who spoke against the bill on Monday night were Juan Sablan, president of the CNMI-wide Parent-Teacher-Student Association, Crispin Sablan and his wife Lucinda Sablan, and Joe Saures.

The Fitial administration and most lawmakers have not yet taken a position on the bill.


Tinian, Rota public hearings

Rep. Teresita A. Santos (Ind-Rota), chairperson of the House Natural Resources Committee, reiterated yesterday her call on community members to express their concerns on the bill either through oral or written testimony.

The committee held a second public hearing on the marijuana legalization bill last night, in the cafeteria of Garapan Elementary School.

Another public hearing on the bill will be held at 6:30pm today, Wednesday, in the cafeteria of Tinian Elementary School.

On Rota, the public hearing will be on Friday, 6:30pm, at the Rota Roundhouse.



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Victorious Manta Band sets big 'thank you' concert

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
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REPORTER

The Saipan Southern High School's Manta Ray Band will hold a free concert on May 26 at the American Memorial Park in a show of appreciation to the community for helping it raise the \$162,000 it needed for its New York trip.

Musical director Will DeWitt announced this during yesterday's meeting of the Saipan Rotary Club, where band members were conferred plaques of appreciation and recognition after finishing second in the recently concluded New York International Music Competition.

DeWitt, who was with SSSH principal Craig Garrison and

band officers, disclosed that preparations for the special concert have started, including an encore performance of their winning pieces at the Carnegie Hall.

Saipan Tribune learned that Manta Ray Band used its taped performance during the 2008 Tumon Bay Music Competition in Guam to get into the New



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Rotary Club of Saipan president Kim Forrester, left, presents a plaque of recognition to the Saipan Southern High School's Manta Ray Band for a winning performance in the New York International Music Festival at the Carnegie Hall on April 21. Accepting the plaque are Manta Ray Band's musical director Will DeWitt, Saipan Southern High School principal Craig Garrison, and band members Leagine Mendiola and Genevieve Ngrabuuch, who both play the clarinet, during the Rotary Club of Saipan's meeting yesterday at the Hyatt Regency in Garapan.

York competition.

Because World Project, organizer of the NY International Music Competition, has several music festivals throughout the U.S., DeWitt said he never expected the band to be chosen for the prestigious event at Carnegie Hall.

"I was expecting to perform in Honolulu or Sydney...but when they got back to us, they wanted us to be at Carnegie Hall. I was really honored," DeWitt said.

Band president Leagine Mendiola, who plays the clarinet, said she will forever cherish

her unforgettable experience in the Big Apple.

Vice president Genevieve Ngrabuuch, who also plays clarinet, described performing at Carnegie Hall "phenomenal."

Saipan Tribune learned that many of the band's members are planning to join the Guam Army National Guard.

Garrison shared how the group used the money the community gave them and assured

that everything will be accounted for. He also announced that they will soon release Manta Ray Band's New York performance on DVD, which will be sold at \$20 apiece.

New law removes 3-day legislative requirement for certain local bills

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial signed into law yesterday a bill removing the three legislative days requirement for certain local bills that appropriate funding for medical referrals and other critical services.

House Bill 17-8 or the Local Law Act Amendment of 2010 is now Public Law 17-2.

Rep. Teresita A. Santos (Ind-Rota), author of H.B. 17-8, said she is "honored that the governor signed this bill into law to facilitate the processing of local appropriations for patients on dialysis and other important programs and services."

This is the second bill to be signed into law since the 17th Legislature came into office in January.

Santos was also the author of a local bill that became Rota Local Law 17-1.

Santos, in her HB 17-8, said the Local Law Act of 1983 requires that all bills other than gaming appropriations on Tinian and Aguingan and Rota lie before the House of introduction for three legislative days before they may be acted upon by the local delegations.

"This requirement can delay critical appropriations of local revenues, which are entirely locally-generated and are used for medical referrals and other important purposes," she said in her bill.

Her bill thus removes the three legislative days requirement for appropriations of gambling amusement machine and revenue taxes and local poker and pachinko revenues only. (Haidee V. Eugenio)

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NMI consumers' buying power weakens as prices go up

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
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REPORTER

Prices of most basic commodities such as food, housing and utilities, and transportation went up in the fourth quarter of 2009 compared to the same period in 2008, based on the latest consumer price index report issued Monday by the Department of Commerce.

This means that the value

of one's dollar bought lesser amounts of fuel for cars, bought fewer food products, or paid lesser power bills in October to December 2009 versus the same quarter the previous year.

The fourth quarter 2009 CPI reached 105.6 percentage points, compared to fourth quarter 2008 when the CPI was rebased to 100 percentage points.

This is based on almost 1,200 price quotes collected from

some 280 major retail outlets and other private and government establishments.

CPI measures price changes in a sample of goods and services normally purchased by households in the CNMI.

Any increase in the CPI means a spike in the cost of most things CNMI residents spend their money on, including food, clothing, housing and utilities, fuel, and medical care.

Like the U.S. CPI, the CNMI's CPI is based on the concept of representative "market basket," a sample of goods and services that households purchase.

In the CNMI, the major groups of consumer items are divided into nine categories: food, alcoholic beverages, housing and utilities, apparel, transportation, medical care, recreation, education and communication, and other goods and services.

The transportation index posted the highest percentage-point increase of 8.5, followed by housing and utilities with 8.0.

The alcoholic beverages index increased by 6.5 percentage points, while the food index rose by 6.1 percentage points.

Four other indexes posted an increase in the fourth quarter: recreation, 5.1 percentage points; apparel, 4.3; other goods and services, 2.8; and medical care, 1.5.

Only the education and communication index decreased, by 4.4 percentage points.

Commerce Secretary Michael Ada, in a separate statement, said Commerce's Central Statistics Division conducted an internal review of the collection and calculation processes to ensure quality indexes were fairly presented.

The division also hired an independent CPI expert to review the process for quality assurance.

Ada said the first quarter 2010 CPI will be released in the next few weeks. Future CPIs will also be released in a timely manner, he added.

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Hyatt Family Fun Night this Friday

Hyatt Regency Saipan is inviting everyone to attend its Hyatt Family Fun Night this Friday, May 7, from 5pm to 9pm at the Garapan landmark’s beach side.

Hyatt Regency said guests should expect a fun-filled evening of delicious food and exciting games and activities such as Spin the Wheel, Marble Challenge, face painting, fishing, and more.

All funds raised will be donated to the 2010 Marianas March Against Cancer, the signature annual fundraising event of the Commonwealth Cancer Association, benefiting cancer awareness and support programs in the CNMI.

This year’s March will be held on May 14-15, from 6pm to 6am, at the Hopwood Junior High

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School Field. The Hyatt Regency Saipan is a strong supporter of the Commonwealth Cancer Association and the Marianas March

Against Cancer.

In addition to donating the proceeds from Family Fun Night to the 2010 MMAC, Hyatt Regency will be contributing 20 percent of all sales generated at its booths over the next two weeks at the 2010 Taste of the Marianas (held every Saturday evening at American Memorial Park this May), and at the Garapan Street Market (held every Thursday evening on Coral Tree Avenue). **(PR)**

PAWS CORNER

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Four kittens in need of homes

them—all while trying to find them a good home. She didn’t have any takers.

The foster family is moving to the U.S. mainland next

week, and they absolutely must find someone to either foster or adopt these kittens. If no home is found for them, they will either be turned out to fend for

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Special Board Meeting
Board of Regents Conference Room, NMC Saipan Campus
Thursday, May 6, 2010
3:30p.m.

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
A. Roll Call
B. Review and Adoption of Agenda

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. NEW BUSINESS
1. Fiscal & Legislative Committee Report
A. Legal Counsels Contracts
B. Presidential Search – ACCT Proposal
C. Senate Hearing on Budget May 11


IV. OLD BUSINESS
1. CFAO Report
A. FY 2007 & 2008 Audit (Tabled)
B. PPEC Boardsmanship Training

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION
(At any time during the scheduled meeting the Board of Regents may be required to enter into executive session to discuss matters deemed privileged and confidential)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

/s/ Janet Han King
Chairperson, Board of Regents

May 5, 2010
Date



A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

May 5, 1999

Mt. Tapochao tapped to ease water shortage

A team from the U.S. Geological Survey and the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. today begins drilling into new source of spring water in Mt. Tapochao in hopes to ease water shortages in central Saipan and provide steady supply to residents. Funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to deal with the drought in the Northern Marianas, the \$1.2 million project is scheduled to be completed in eight months, but some wells may be online within the next few months. Other water projects on Rota and Tinian will also be undertaken as part of the FEMA grants, according to Pamela Mathis, CUC’s chief information officer.

May 5, 2000

Don’t dump PCB in CNMI

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday appealed to the U.S. government against dumping military waste contaminated with the polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) on Guam or any of the Pacific islands, including the Northern Marianas. “As much as possible we would like to see that the military or any of the responsible agency find a location that will be a safe place for those [PCB-contaminated waste],” he told reporters yesterday. Mr. Tenorio joined other Pacific leaders who have protested the decision by the U.S. military to send the shipment to Guam or any Pacific island after Canada rejected them. Over 100 tons of transformers, circuit breakers, oil and other military waste contaminated with PCB have been sailing across the Pacific since March aboard the Panamanian-registered vessel Wan He.

AGO asked to probe MTC

The chair of the House Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications yesterday urged MTC to suspend imposition of toll fees for 411 calls while he seeks an investigation from the Attorney General’s Office. Rep. Rosiky F. Camacho made the plea during a meeting with company executives, led by General Manager David Rogers, who explained to House members their decision to charge a 25 cent fee for each call using its directory assistance service. MTC, the lone domestic phone service provider in the Commonwealth, maintained the fee is necessary to discourage the people in calling 411 to ask for phone numbers as the company has incurred huge costs in terms of paying overtime to operators for the 24-hour service.

May 5, 2003

High school cited—again—for water violation

ReporterSaying that bacterial contamination is considered an “acute risk” to public health, the Division of Environmental Quality cited the Marianas High School for violating drinking water regulations, based on sampling tests conducted recently. DEQ acting director Pedro T. Palacios directed MHS principal James Denight to act swiftly on the matter, after sampling tests conducted on the school’s public water system last April showed coliform contamination. In a document released by DEQ public information officer Therese Hocog, the environmental agency wants the school to conduct a complete disinfection of its water source, storage tanks and distribution system.

New village homestead subdivisions near completion

More than 200 village homestead lots will soon be made available to eligible applicants as the Marianas Public Lands Authority prepares for the final stages of the homestead subdivision design and development projects in Dandan and Kagman on Saipan, and Dugi on Rota. The final phases consist of road construction, the excavation of ponding basins-if any-and the installation of power, water, or sewer services. After undergoing a series of technical studies, which involved months of planning, extensive surveys, and getting permits from several government regulatory agencies, these homestead projects have reached the infrastructure stage, said MPLA Commissioner Henry S. Hofschneider.



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APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. Bo-Boy's Marine Sports	04/22/10 SSm-2010-X-040	Beach Concession	Garapan	Shoreline APC	Approved (4/28/10)
2. Bo-Boy's Marine Sports	04/22/10 SSm-2010-X-041	Managaha Transfer	Garapan Lagoon	Lagoon & Reef APC	Approved (4/28/10)
3. Bo-Boy's Marine Sports	04/22/10 SSm-2010-X-042	Non-Motorized Marine Sports	Garapan Lagoon	Lagoon & Reef APC	Approved (4/28/10)
4. Bo-Boy's Marine Sports	04/22/10 SLRm-2010-X-043	Banana Boat Operation	Garapan Lagoon	Lagoon & Reef APC	Under Review*
5. Pacific Island Club Saipan	05/03/10 SMS-91-X-25 (Amend 2010)	Renovation of existing bar-b-que area	San Antonio	Permit Amendment	Under Review*
6. Life Inc.	05/03/10 SPLm-2010-X-044	Dry Dock	Lower Base South Seaplane Ramp	Port & Industrial APC	Under Review*
7. Asia Marine Sports	05/03/10	Banana Boat Operation	Garapan Lagoon	Lagoon & Reef APC	Under Review*
8. Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution	05/03/10 CNMI/LRm-2010-X-046	Scientific Research	Northern Islands	Lagoon & Reef APC	Under Review*

Publication of the above list is in accordance with CRM Regulations, which require all permit applications to be published in a local newspaper within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the CRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the CRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local CRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a CRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the CRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the CRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the CRM Regulations.



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INVITATION FOR BID PSS-IFB-10-034

“PAINTING OF SINAPALO ELEMENTARY AND ROTA HIGH SCHOOL”

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for the Painting of Sinapalo Elementary and Rota High School on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package is available beginning on April 28, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of \$34.10.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Public School Procurement Rules and Regulations, as revised through June 5, 1998, and in accordance with ARRA Section 1605, “BUY AMERICAN REQUIREMENTS”. Bidding Procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 60-40-205 of the PSS Regulations, “Competitive Sealed Bidding”.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on May 17, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the Rota High School Library on Rota, Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than May 19, 2010, 4:30 p.m..

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-034, and submitted with one original and five (5) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 2:00 p.m., local time, May 21, 2010 at which time the bids will be publicly opened in the PSS Conference Room, 2nd floor, NMI Retirement Fund Building. Any bids submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

This project is funded under the AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) with “Buy America” Provisions.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.
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/s/ Robert Florian
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INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 10-040

“REPLACE/REPAIR OF DOORS AND WINDOWS FOR ROTA JR. HIGH AND ROTA HIGH SCHOOL”

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for the **Replacement/Repair of Doors and Windows of Rota Jr. High and Rota High School** on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package is available beginning on May 5, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of \$55.50.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Public School Procurement Rules and Regulations, as revised through June 5, 1998, and in accordance with ARRA Section 1605, “BUY AMERICAN REQUIREMENTS”. Bidding Procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 60-40-205 of the PSS Regulations, “Competitive Sealed Bidding”.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on May 24, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the Rota Jr. High School Teacher's Lounge on Rota. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than May 27, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-040, and submitted with one (1) original and five (5) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 2:00 p.m., local time, June 2, 2010 at which time the bids will be publicly open in the PSS Conference Room, 3rd Floor, NMI Retirement Fund Building. Any bids submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

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/s/ Robert Florian
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INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 10-041

“REPLACE/REPAIR OF DOORS AND WINDOWS OF TINIAN SCHOOLS”

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for the **Replacement/Repair of Doors and Windows of Tinian Elementary and Tinian High School**, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package is available beginning on May 5, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of \$53.95.

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There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on May 25, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the Tinian Elementary School Library High School on Tinian. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than May 28, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-041, and submitted with one (1) original and five (5) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 2:00 p.m., local time, June 3, 2010 at which time the bids will be publicly open in the PSS Conference Room, 3rd Floor, NMI Retirement Fund Building. Any bids submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

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What AZ's immigration law really says

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LOS ANGELES TIMES

“As we exercise the right to advocate our views, and as we animate our supporters, we must all assume responsibility for our words and actions before they enter a vast echo chamber and reach those both serious and delirious, connected and unhinged.” Those words were written by former President Clinton in a New York Times op-ed marking the 15th anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing.

While Clinton's finger-wagging was directed at critics of the Obama administration, his caution against overblown rhetoric might also be heeded by the vast echo chamber bent on whipping up hysteria in response to a recently passed Arizona law designed to effectively address illegal immigration.

Arizonans have endured decades of federal neglect of immigration enforcement. Half of illegal border crossings now occur in Arizona, and our study found that state taxpayers spend more than \$2 billion a year on education and health care for illegal immigrants and their children. The porous border is virtually a welcome mat for criminal organizations that run drugs and other contraband through the state. Kidnappings in Phoenix are at an all-time high, and the killing last month of rancher Robert Krentz—police suspect by an illegal immigrant—is only the latest graphic example of the impact that rampant illegal immigration has on ordinary Arizonans.

Faced with a continuing crisis and little help from Washington, Arizona has been forced to respond to protect its residents and its financial resources. This month, the legislature passed and Gov. Jan Brewer signed SB 1070. Among other things, this law requires all law enforcement officers in Arizona to act on reasonable suspicion that an individual is in the country illegally.

The reaction from advocates for illegal immigrants to SB 1070—which, according to opinion polls, is supported by 70 percent of Arizonans—can only be described as incendiary and irresponsible, not to mention patently inaccurate. Los Angeles Cardinal Roger Mahony invoked images of Nazi Germany and Soviet totalitarianism. Reform Immigration for America, an umbrella coalition of pro-amnesty groups, warned ominously that “it's racial profiling, and it encapsulates the hatred we are fighting.” ACORN's Bertha Lewis declared, “If this bill passes, Arizona is declaring itself an apartheid state.”

SB 1070 is not a mandate for Arizona police to seek out illegal immigrants. It conforms fully with the Constitution's 4th Amendment protections against unreasonable search and seizure. Under the law, Arizona police are prohibited from racially profiling or stopping anybody merely because of appearance or ethnicity. They may inquire about immigration status only if there is justification for the stop under the Constitution—such as investigating a possible crime—and there is reasonable suspicion that the individual is in the U.S. illegally.

And what is reasonable suspicion? Reasonable suspicion might include the lack of any sort of valid U.S. identification documents that police officers routinely request from anyone who is lawfully stopped. The law expressly states that race, color or ethnicity does not constitute reasonable suspicion of illegal presence in the U.S. In reality, SB 1070 does nothing more than require police in Arizona to protect

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Consistency not a forte

A young student delivered a very keen and powerful observation about the failed policies of the NMI in the recent AG's Cup meet. The collective failure has taken a long ride on parasitic politics and the obvious lack of thorough review of subsequent policies to ensure consistency in what we want and whether in fact such desire would enhance consistency.

We wanted local control of immigration, but in the process failed royally to clean up egregious abuses to ensure justice is rendered to both resident and foreign workers alike. Our effort was geared toward protecting garment industry titans at the expense of strengthening local self-government. This is now on the verge of complete disappearance no matter what we have to present to the feds!

Through collective negligence, we opened the floodgates of these isles for more foreigners whose ways would definitely impact against the very issue we wish to preserve—culture. It's an erosive policy capable of marginalizing our people, but we weren't paying attention until the feds stepped in to clean up our mess. Does our view matter to the feds, specifically, the U.S. Congress? It really doesn't matter!

We wanted limitation of landownership to the indigenous people here in the name of cultural preservation. Wow! It sounds grand. But it is perfectly fine to lease large parcels of public land to investors for 40 years. Did we ever consider the actual loss of land for the landless indigenous people (new families) via this policy?

Land inheritance in either culture is granted siblings for purposes of salvation, no more, no less. There's also the obvious contradiction in this constitutional provision: The land is mine while it isn't mine at the same time. If something is, it can't simultaneously be isn't. Under Article XII, ownership is limited to 50 percent, the other half of your property belonging to the local government. Do we wish to continue telling private landowners, via racist and scare tactics, that they are incapable of mature disposition of their land? How much longer do we continue a policy in hypocrisy?

We wanted a retirement program that is fair to all retirees and impending retirees. But we've allowed politicians to steal more than their share by granting themselves an additional 3 percent per year of service. Though this has been repealed, it simply demonstrates how politicians can plunder a system that benefits their deep pockets. Too, I agree with Bill Stewart that the bond flotation must give greater weight to the voice of current and future retirees. No more warped solutions from politicians!

We've established the civil service system, but have decided to destroy some career employees in favor of the less qualified bunch. Are we sending a message to civil servants that their future is

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doomed? Are we trashing years of training programs in order to lure the politically poised that, for all we now, are illiterate? Isn't the civil service system based on the concept of meritocracy? Didn't we spend millions of dollars annually to upgrade their skills? Are we now saying, “scrap it?”

There are other glaring examples of misguided and failed policies. Perhaps the impending financial meltdown of the NMI is just as good a time to recalibrate (reinvent) policies of substance. Let us trump our cards to review old and new ones. It would be foolhardy to continue implementing arcane policies when paradigms have changed so drastically since two decades ago. In doing so and whatever our success may be, we have to expect the unthinkable, i.e., what if this system cascades into total destruction? It's called revolutionary planning that goes beyond conventional wisdom, where there's agility for quick, revolutionary changes.

The courageous viewpoint of the MCS student is in fact refreshing and thanks for putting everybody on notice that we must collectively begin the humble descent into reality check for purposes of rectifying ill-conceived policies. Policy dictates direction and we've been adrift for many years now.

Anyway, your viewpoint is representative of how most of our young people feel about the need to make major shifts in paradigms. The NMI can no longer afford racist, contradictory, shortsighted and hypocritical policies. To embrace racist policy dictates is totally contrary to the local culture of reciprocity. Ours is one of communal sharing and harmony. It has been this way since time immemorial. Let's keep this cultural forte in practice; it's been around in healthy fashion for over four thousand years!

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I quizzed my buddy Magoo why are things in such disarray in paradise? Said he: “Because we asked all the wrong questions and contented with the all the wrong answers!” Call it basking in our comfort zone of inconsistency and redundancy, crowned with our lack of resolve. Perhaps we can blame the weather that stays the same year-round where the only thing that changes is perceptual change. Is this a conundrum of sort?

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The Customer Service 101 Talk No. 2: ‘Make them feel special’

The only way to take control of your life, raise your standard of living and move beyond merely surviving is to create your own unique product or service that you offer to increasing numbers of people in exchange for the things of value that you desire. This simple formula applies to countries as well as people. A self-sufficient economy has its own products or services of value to export to the world. Similarly, a self-sufficient individual has something of value to exchange in the global marketplace. That thing of value is based on your natural talent, skill, or interest—in other words, your passion!

The first Customer Service 101 Talk (“Trust Me, You’re Losing Sales!” *Saipan Tribune*, March 31, 2010), struck a chord and prompted a flood of responses and even face-to-face feedback from residents here on Saipan! So, in keeping with the eternal wisdom to “find out what works and keep doing that,” I welcome you again to Walt’s “Customer Service 101 Talk Part 2!” Please take a seat and take out pen and paper.

Okay, Mr. & Ms. Business Owner, in session No. 1, I told you that you are most likely losing sales because of poor customer service. The responses I received to that session indicate that people notice, remember, tell others, and most importantly, act on how they are treated by the cashiers, service desk clerks and sales people they encounter in your business.

Acknowledge the person

For example, I heard of one fellow who’s been on island for three years, and who actually refuses to pay for cell phone service from either of the two main providers on island because of a bad experience he had when he first arrived. Quite simply, he didn’t feel special. As he put it, “*They acted like they didn’t want my business!*” He uses calling cards instead. (Lesson: Even if you’re the sole provider of a particular product or service on an island, there are *always* other options!)

Ladies and gentlemen, people don’t like to be ignored. So the first thing I’m going to suggest you tell your sales people is to acknowledge your visitors when they step in the door.

The TALK: If you are busy dealing with a customer and another potential customer enters the store or office, simply take a second or two from what you’re doing and say, “I’ll be with you in just a minute, ma’am!”

That simple acknowledgement has put a smile on my face and kept me inside a store when I would have walked out otherwise.

Acknowledge the transaction

Another important tip came from “L,” a regular reader:

“I used to cashier, and cashiers here (everywhere now?) don’t tell you your total bill, don’t acknowledge the amount you’ve given them, and don’t count back/show you what they are giving you for change—just hand you a wad of bills / handful of coins. Sometimes, they don’t even talk to you at all—make you hunt for the total, silently

wait for payment, hand you the “wad” and receipt. “I was trained to repeat the total cost—e.g., \$14.96—and when I receive payment, e.g., a \$20 bill—to say out loud, \$14.96 out of \$20—hand the customer 4 cents, then a \$5 bill, and say “That’s \$14.96 - 97, 98, 99, \$15, and \$5, that’s \$20”—or something to that effect. I would like that kind of service when making purchases with cash. And to have that exchange about amounts / how will pay! and a thank you! ;)”

This step validates the customer, shows respect for their business and their money, and reduces errors, thus keeping more money in your business.

‘I don’t know’ is not an acceptable answer

Another issue that has come up is the frustration of getting questions answered. As regular reader, “R” stated:

“One thing that gripes me that I don’t suppose you can do anything about: staffers who refuse to answer questions in deference to their boss who is, apparently, the only one authorized to answer any questions, no matter how simple....especially when the boss is not in, of course, so one doesn’t get any answer at all.....!”

Understandably, many business owners fear that their workers will give incorrect information that may make them liable in some way. Similarly, many employees, especially in bureaucracies and government offices, fear giving the wrong answers and jeopardizing their jobs. However, from the point of view of the customer, it’s a major frustration to have questions about a product or service go unanswered when one might be ready to make a purchase.

One solution is to provide your employees with a written operations manual of “Frequently Asked Questions.” Another is to conduct ongoing training to empower them to anticipate and respond effectively to questions. In addition, instruct them to *find* the answers to the questions they are asked. (e.g., “Hold on a minute, sir, I will ask my supervisor”) because “*I don’t know*” is not an acceptable answer!

Having a customer leave your business with unanswered questions is letting present and future money walk right out the door!

But, wait! There’s more!

You’ll notice that what all these tips share is the concept of simple communication—a vital part of good customer service. But even that is not enough, especially when you’re in a competitive business where the product or service is essentially the same from one provider to the next.

On a recent trip off-island, I stayed at two very different hotels. One hotel was clean, and the front desk clerks were polite and cordial. The other was a little less impressive esthetically, but the front desk staff was bubbly, friendly and seemed genuinely happy to have me stay there. Guess which one got my positive review on hotels.com, a thank you e-mail after my trip, and is most likely to have me refer others? Yes, sometimes there’s more to good customer service than just being polite.

THE SAIPANPRENEUR PROJECT

Creating economic success for the CNMI

By WALT F.J. GOODRIDGE

Special to the *Saipan Tribune*



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The bottom line

There are basically three things you need to do in order to stay in business: 1. Get customers in the door, 2. Keep them there, and 3. Keep them coming back. Many businesses drop the ball at various points along this process. They don’t do enough to get the customers in the door. They don’t do enough to keep them there. And, they don’t do enough to keep them coming back. Providing good customer service is a vital component that can accomplish all three steps. Once people experience your business, they will spread your reputation for good (or bad) customer service to others. And in the age of blogging, Facebook, Twitter, has local and international implications!

By show of hands, how many people found this helpful? Are there any questions, suggestions or other topics you’d like addressed? Thank you, and thanks for attending this second session of The Customer Service 101 Talk. Until next time, remember, someone is always watching!

And thanks, to “A,” “L,” “J,” “A,” and “R” for your feedback! It’s really appreciated!

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Until next week, remember, success is a journey, not a destination!

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Letter to the Editor

Chamorros and Arizona immigration law

I want to share three things with Segundo Castro and others.

1. The new law in Arizona does not go into effect for 90 days. This gives the police and other law enforcement time to train their officers.

2. I have a Mexican son-in-law and two Mexican grandchildren. I also have a Mexican granddaughter who has my two great grandchildren. I will tell you what I have told them: Don’t panic, just show the police or others your ID cards and you will have no problems. The law enforcement people are looking for illegal or criminal people—not law-abiding us citizens. We have 1,000 illegal Mexicans crossing our border everyday into Arizona. We have had rapes, murders, robberies etc., and it is worse on the Mexican side of the border, where six to eight thousand people have been murdered by drug gangs. Recently an Arizona farmer was murdered while he was out working in the field. The footprints of his killer went straight to the Mexican border!

3. Please do not call it discrimination when the police stop those people who it appears are breaking a law. Arizona’s law is about 98 percent the same as the federal law that the federal government has failed to enforce. Please also remember that Chamorros look like Mexicans, so there could be mistaken identity at any time. This is a big problem in Arizona right now. I have told the Mexican members of my family to please be patient and just be ready to show their ID cards and they will be OK.

Finally, I am sending a letter to Gov. Jan Brewer to inform her of who the Chamorros are, where they are from, and that they are U.S. citizens who belong here. Then she can inform law enforcement so they will be prepared to treat Chamorros right when they find them.

Franklin Keiper
Mayer, Arizona

Predictably, those who have consistently opposed all efforts to enforce U.S. immigration laws are resorting to a campaign of lies and distortions to fight implementation of the law.

SB 1070, plain and simple, will allow police to identify and detain people because of the laws they violate, not because they happen to meet a particular racial or ethnic profile. What it demands is that state law enforcement officers no longer turn a blind eye in situations in which they reasonably suspect that an individual they have encountered is violating U.S. immigration laws.

Dan Stein is president of the Federation for American Immigration Reform. He wrote this for the Los Angeles Times.

AZ law not in effect yet

In the article “AZ immigration law subjects Chamorros to racial profiling,” the fact is that the law is not in effect yet, and will not be until 90 days after the Legislature adjourns, which it just did a day or so ago. So the law cannot possibly be “implemented” until early August.

Money wire transfers are handled by private individuals, and one cannot speak for them—typically a clerk in a grocery store—whether they are prejudiced or not, whether they understand the law or not, etc. Shame on them if they are prejudiced or pretend to be legal experts! Moreover, the clerk referred to in the story may have been breaking a law.

If one takes the time to read the new law, there may not be any questioning of anyone with regard to legal or illegal status in Arizona, unless some other law has first been broken. In addition, the police are explicitly prohibited from racial profiling by the text of this law (and others). There will be zero threat to anyone from anywhere who is in Arizona legally.

We welcome Hispanics, Caucasians, Chamorros—anyone from anywhere—who wishes to visit or settle here, providing only they follow the basic procedures of the law. We insist that we ourselves follow the laws. We do not welcome drug dealers, gangsters, smugglers, human traffickers, terrorists, or others who “sneak” in to do harm, no matter their heritage or where they come from. Having visited Saipan, and having friends there, I know that you too insist on a peaceful land, and also pride yourselves on fairness to all visitors and residents.

Ed Tynan
Scottsdale, Arizona

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the citizenry and uphold responsibilities abrogated by the federal government.

A ruling by the U.S. 1st Circuit Court of Appeals this year provides firm legal footing for Arizona’s law. In *Estrada v. Rhode Island*, the court affirmed that the failure of an alien to possess alien registration documents represents probable cause for state or local police to arrest the person for a federal misdemeanor committed in the officer’s presence, or detain that person until the individual’s status can be verified.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲86 ▼79
Palau	Showers	▲86 ▼77
Yap	Partly Sunny	▲89 ▼78
Chuuk	Partly Sunny	▲82 ▼78
Pohnpei	Showers	▲89 ▼76
Kosrae	Partly Sunny	▲89 ▼79
Majuro	Mostly Sunny	▲87 ▼78

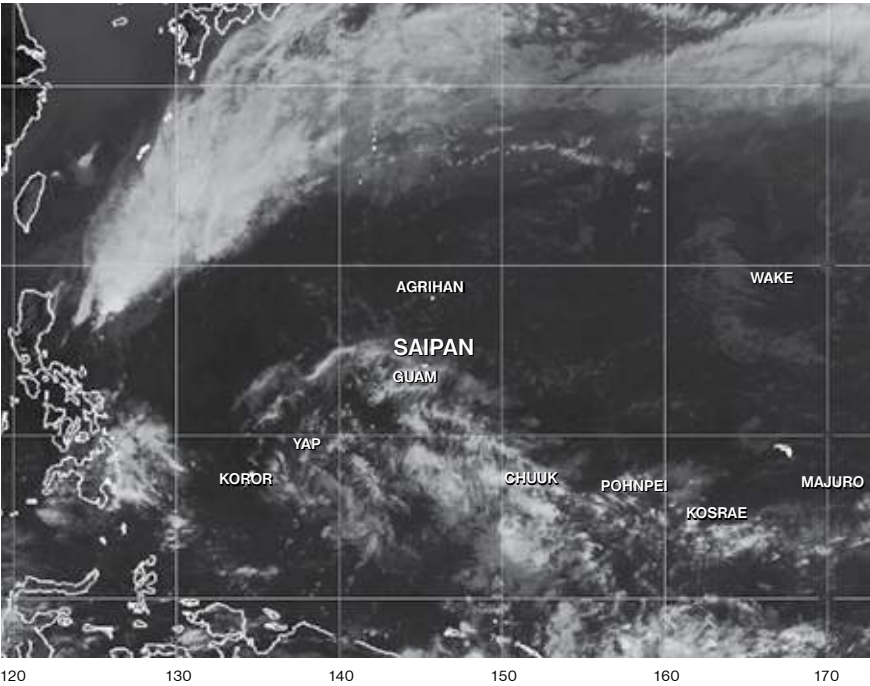
Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲63 ▼54
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲77 ▼53
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲78 ▼68
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲84 ▼73
London	Partly Cloudy	▲57 ▼46
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲73 ▼56
Manila	Thundershowers	▲93 ▼78
Melbourne	Cloudy	▲62 ▼51
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲87 ▼77
New York	Sunny	▲80 ▼61
Osaka	Showers	▲70 ▼61
Paris	Showers	▲59 ▼43
Pusan	Showers	▲67 ▼52
Rome	Showers	▲64 ▼53
Salem	Showers	▲59 ▼39
San Francisco	Sunny	▲61 ▼50
Seoul	Showers	▲60 ▼48
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲71 ▼63
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲78 ▼66

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
1:36 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
7:09 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
11:10 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
6:55 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2010

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A nearly stationary front extends northeastward from 20N130E to beyond 25N at 137E. Cloudiness and patchy rain are occurring along this boundary and northward to beyond 25N. A surface trough stretches southeastward from 8N137E to 3N135E. Winds converging near the trough are producing scattered showers between 6N and 12N from 132E to 144E. This area includes Koror and Yap. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers south of Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae and Majuro within 120 miles of a line from 7N150E to 3N160E to 3N180.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:52 AM	6:36 PM
Thursday	5:52 AM	6:36 PM
Friday	5:51 AM	6:36 PM
Saturday	5:51 AM	6:36 PM
Sunday	5:51 AM	6:37 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	11:21 AM
Thursday	12:24 AM 12:11 PM
Friday	1:02 AM 12:58 PM
Saturday	2:12 AM 2:31 PM
Sunday	2:47 AM 3:18 PM

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DEPARTURES						ARRIVALS					
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM						GUAM-ROTA (ROP)					
C09597	5:00am	5:30am	1, 5			C09598	6:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7		
SAIPAN-GUAM						GUAM-SAIPAN					
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily			C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily		
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily			C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily		
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7			C09600	10:05am	10:55am	Daily		
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	Daily			C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7		
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily			C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily		
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily			C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily		
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)						NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN					
DL287	5:55am	8:35am	Daily			DL290	10:00am	2:35pm	Daily		
DL297	3:35pm	6:15pm	Daily			DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily		
DL289	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily			DL288	8:40pm	1:15am+1	Daily		
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)						BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN					
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5			OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7		
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)						SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN					
OZ604	2:20am	6:10am	1			OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7		
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7			OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7		
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7			OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6		
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)						SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN					
FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6			FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5		
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)						GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN					
CZ3008	3:30am	6:40am	2, 6			CZ3007	7:30pm	2:40am+1	1, 5		
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)						MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN					
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OZ608/705	3:20am	12:10am+1	1, 5 via PUS			OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN		
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	6 via GUM			OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN		
C09603/893	3:05pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via GUM-Palau			PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM		
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM			C0892/9596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	3, 5 via GUM-Palau		
SAIPAN-HONG KONG						HONG KONG-SAIPAN					
OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN			OZ724/605	12:30am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7		
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OZ606/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	4, 6, 7 via ICN			OZ750/605	1:00am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7		
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						OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN		
						OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN		
						C0910/9596	10:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM		
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Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily	FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily	FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily	FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily	Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
Guam-Rota				FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily	FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily	FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily	FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily	FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily	FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily	FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily	FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily	FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily				
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily				



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Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Battle of the Bands at NMC Charter Day

Three local bands will be battling it out at the Northern Marianas College's 29th Annual Charter Day Celebration this Friday, May 7, 2010.

Stick It to Da Man, 100% Juice, and Irie Rice will each be playing three songs, one from the 1980s, the 1990s and the 2000s, as they compete for first place and great prizes in the Battle of the Bands competition.

The winning group stands to win a \$500 cash prize and other prizes from IT&E, Shell, 670 Rock Steady Shop and Box Office Video.

Along with the Battle of the Bands competition, NMC will also be showcasing the highly-anticipated Marianas Idol Competition and the Charter Day Dance Crew Competition.

Other competitions will include the Pika PROA Hot Pepper Eating Contest, the Coconut Husking Contest, the Frozen T-shirt Contest and the first-ever NMC Campus King and Queen Contest.

In addition to the exciting entertainment, there will also be several vendors featuring island delicacies and

specialty drinks for sale. Confirmed booths include Spicy Thai Noodles, Shirley's Coffee Shop, Fong's Bakery, Fotten Gaga, The Set, Creative Guruk, Northern Marianas Academy, U2 Collection, Hula Girl, Java Joe's and much more. The Charter Day event will be held at the NMC South Field next to the gym from 4pm to 10pm and is open to the public.

For more information about the 29th NMC Charter Day Event, please contact Daniel Kintol at 234-5498 ext. 12 email danielk@nmcnet.edu. (PR)

Marianas Medical is major MMAC sponsor

Marianas Medical Center has been named a "major sponsor" of the 2010 Marianas March Against Cancer. The mid-level sponsorship status is bestowed on companies that donate \$1,000 to \$2,999 in cash or services. Marianas Medical Center has agreed to provide free blood pressure and blood sugar screenings at the 2010 MMAC event. They have also agreed to do health talks on cancer prevention tips if requested.

"The 2010 MMAC committee is absolutely grateful for the complimentary services being


offered by Marianas Medical Center. We thank the staff and management of MMC for their support in the fight against cancer," said 2010 MMAC public relations committee chair Christopher A. Concepcion.

"This is another great reason why the entire island community should come down to the MMAC. Along with the free blood pressure and blood sugar screenings, there will be other activities going on that night. If you haven't had your blood sugar or blood pressure checked lately, here is your

chance. Our community has a high rate of cancer, diabetes and hypertension so this is a great opportunity to get yourself checked for free," said Concepcion.

The 2010 Marianas March Against Cancer will be held on May 14-15 from 6pm to 6am at the Hopwood Junior High School field in Chalan Piao.

For more information on how you can volunteer or support the MMAC contact overall MMAC chair Janine Nogis at 483-4207 or via email at janine.nogis@gmail.com. (MMAC)



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Focus

Preplanning can ease financial pain of disaster

By CLAUDIA BUCK
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Every natural disaster sears us with the same images: Forlorn families sifting through ashes for treasured heirlooms and possessions. Business owners peeling open the charred remnants of payroll records and money bags.

And it doesn't even require a natural disaster. Something as mundane as a burst water pipe can flood a basement or garage, reducing all your financial paperwork to a soggy, unsalvageable mess.

When disaster strikes, there's usually limited time to decide what to take with you, not only personal items but your vulnerable paperwork.

"People never think it'll happen to them," said Ted Beck, a financial education expert whose family survived the devastating Oakland Hills, Calif., fire of 1991. The experience taught him that "no matter where you live, there's a potential for a natural disaster: hurricanes, tornadoes, fire. Don't assume it can't happen to you. Be prepared."

Here are some starting points:

- **Saving family treasures.** Whether it's heirloom jewelry or your baseball card collection, take photos. Walk through the house with a camera, snapping photos or shooting video of your most valuable possessions. Make prints, a CD or a DVD and place in a secure location, such as a bank's safe deposit box, a fireproof home safe or with a designated friend or family member. Be sure to have one copy that's not at your home or office.

- **Back it up.** Imagine how you'd cope if your computer melted into a puddle of plastic during a fire. Or was drenched by a burst water pipe or flooding.

How would you replace e-mail addresses, retrieve business accounts, rebuild your correspondence trail? Because so much of our financial and personal life is stored on computers, it's essential to back up files.

Copy your important personal files onto a CD, DVD or external hard drive "and then ship them to a trusted friend or family member," suggests Jeff Kyle, consumer product manager with Symantec Corp., the Cupertino, Calif.-based security software company.

If you don't want the burden of remembering to manually corral your computer files, Kyle recommends purchasing software that does the backup automatically and sends the files to a secured, off-site data storage center.

- **Have a grab-and-go plan.** Don't wait until an emergency strikes to gather what you'll

need if forced to leave your home or business.

Assemble an emergency kit designed to get you and family members through at least three days. Keep everything in a duffel bag or box that's easy to grab in a hurry. Do the same with financial documents.

If you're a business owner, keep copies of key records, such as site maps, insurance policies, employee contacts, bank account records and computer files.

All that paperwork—the "fi-

nancial DNA of your life"—should fit into a small box or folder that can be quickly retrieved, says California Society of CPAs spokesman David Colgren.

"If you put it all together in advance, you don't have to run around the house when you have to evacuate in five minutes," he said.

Where to store it? Try the freezer or refrigerator, says Colgren. "It sounds kind of weird but if something catastrophic happens, your refrigerator or

freezer is likely to survive."

- **Create a list of emergency contact info** for important family members, friends, co-workers and your doctor, banker and insurance company, among others. Write down names, addresses and phone/cell phones for each person. Send copies to family members. Keep a copy at work.

- **Know where your family will meet**, both outside your home and at another location away from the immediate area. Designate someone outside the

area—say, your Aunt Rose in Chicago—to be the family's contact person during emergencies.

"Let them act as (communications) coordinator for the family," said CalCPAs' Colgren.

A little preplanning can buy you some peace of mind. Without it, you could spend months reconstructing the financial part of your life, chasing down tax returns, insurance documentation and other time-consuming details.

Earthquake kits

Earthquake preparation is an ongoing project but needn't be tedious. A rule of thumb is to check or replace supplies when clocks are changed to or from daylight saving time, twice a year. When assembling a survival kit, don't forget about food and water for pets.

How much?

Recommendations vary as to appropriate amount of emergency food and water to store; many experts advise one gallon of water per person per day for three to seven days; also store enough food for same period of time

Storing supplies at home

Use a large container such as a footlocker or large trash can, and label each food and water item with the date of purchase or the last date it should be used; place the container in a cool accessible place and raise it off the ground

Shelf life of supplies

- ☐ 3 months ☒ 6 months
☒ 1 year or more

Top level

- ☐ Batteries with tester ☒ Portable radio
☒ Flashlight ☒ First-aid kit

Middle level

- ☐ Food and water for pets, manual can opener, dry food (pasta, rice)
☒ Instant food, water, purification tablets
☒ Canned food

Bottom level

- ☒ Blanket
☒ Tarpaulin
☒ Extra clothing, shoes
☒ Pre-moistened towelettes
☒ Items for personal hygiene; toilet tissue and heavy duty plastic bags

Additional supplies

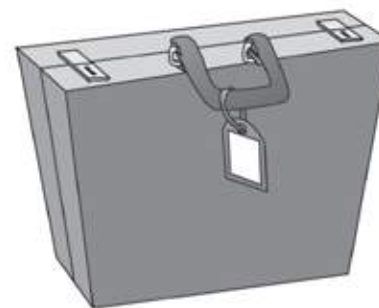
These are kept separate from the emergency kit in a spot where they can be easily located

- Extra batteries stored in refrigerator to last longer
- Spare eyeglasses, contact lenses
- Fire extinguisher
- Wrenches to turn off gas and water
- Alternative cooking methods: barbecue or camping stove (with charcoal, propane or white gas supply)
- Tools: ax, hammer, crowbar, rope
- Tent and sleeping bag
- Work gloves, hard hat



Auto kit

- Canned food, manual can opener
- Nonperishable food: instant nutrition bars, dried fruits, jerky, crackers or cookies
- Bottled water
- Extra clothing
- Sturdy pair of shoes
- Small first-aid kit
- Blanket
- Flashlight, batteries
- Toilet tissue
- Fire extinguisher
- Street maps



Work kit

- Nonperishable food
- Bottled water
- Small first-aid kit
- Flashlight, batteries
- Portable radio and batteries
- Extra clothing
- Sturdy pair of shoes
- Pre-moistened towelettes

Plan now to protect animals in a disaster

By LINDSAY POLLARD-POST
PEOPLE FOR THE ETHICAL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

Animals aren't any better equipped to survive a disaster than humans are. They may be even more likely to suffer and perish, since initial rescue efforts usually focus on getting vital food, water and medical care to human survivors. It's vital to make emergency plans now to protect all members of our families, including our animals.

Animals depend on their guardians for survival. That's why, whatever you do, it's crucial never to leave your animals behind during an evacuation. Even if your home isn't damaged, downed power lines and impassable roads may prevent you from returning home for weeks, leaving animals stranded without food or water.

Check with hotels (many waive no-animals policies during emergencies), relatives and friends to see if you and your animals can stay there until the emergency is over. Even if you have to camp or sleep in your car temporarily, your animals are still better off with you than left in an empty house. However, never leave animals unattended in a parked car. Even on a mild day, cars heat up quickly, and animals can suffer and die from heatstroke in minutes.

Always make sure your animals are up to date on their rabies vaccinations and are wearing collars with identification tags. It's a good idea to keep an emergency kit for each of your animals ready to go at a moment's notice. Fill the kit with leashes, bowls, towels, blankets, litter pans, litter and at least a week's supply of food and medications.

If you have no choice but to leave your animal companions behind, do everything you can to ensure their survival. Leave them inside the house, with access to upper floors and at least a 10 days' supply of dry food and water. Dehydration is a major threat, so fill multiple sinks, bowls, pans and plastic containers with water. Rescue workers may be able to save your animals if you cannot return home, so put signs in your windows and on your front door indicating how many and what kind of animals are inside.

Source: Southern California Earthquake Preparedness Project, Governor's Office of Emergency Services; Los Angeles and Orange County fire departments, Emergency Management Division; Federal Emergency Management Agency; Lafferty & Associates Inc.
Graphic: Los Angeles Times

Business

United-Continental looking to business travelers

By JOSHUA FREED and
DAVID KOENIG

AP AIRLINE WRITERS

United and Continental Airlines are counting on more business travelers—not higher fares for vacationers—to make their \$3 billion merger pay.

United CEO Glenn Tilton and Continental CEO Jeffery Smisek announced Monday that the nation's third- and fourth-largest airlines will consolidate into the world's biggest in hopes of drawing more business travelers who will pay top dollar for last-minute tickets. It's a stock swap deal in which United acquires Continental, and the new airline is to be called United.

The two airlines have been losing tons of money, first from high fuel prices, then the recession. Now they say their combined network of flights across the U.S. and around the world will attract enough corporate travelers to boost revenue by up to \$900 million a year.

"The only people happier than Jeff and I today is our corporate sales team," Tilton said.

Henry Hartevelde, a travel-industry analyst for Forrester Research, said U.S. leisure fares probably won't change

Up in the air

United and Continental Airlines have agreed to form the world's largest airline in a deal worth about \$3 billion.

	 UNITED	 Continental Airlines
Headquarters	Chicago	Houston, Texas
CEO	Glenn Tilton	Jeffery Smisek
Revenue (2009)	\$16.3 billion	\$12.6 billion
Net income (2009)	-\$651 million	-\$282 million
Destinations	230	270
Fleet	360	333
Employees	46,602	40,927
Hub cities	Denver, Los Angeles, Chicago, San Francisco, Washington D.C.	Cleveland, Houston, Newark

NOTE: March 2010 data for Continental Airlines, Jan. 2010 data for United Airlines © 2010 MCT
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much because Continental and United routes overlap heavily with low-fare carriers such as Southwest. They compete with discount carriers on 92 percent of the 50 biggest routes they serve, Hartevelde said. "The leisure market is always hotly contested," so it's less likely to tolerate fare increases, he said. "Business travelers are less price-sensitive. They have to get on that plane, so they'll pay more for those flights."

Antitrust regulators will scrutinize the deal for its effect on fares, but Smisek and Tilton said even the larger United won't have be able to boost prices, because other carriers might un-

dercut them.

"There is no carrier in the world that can set air fares," Smisek said. "We couldn't set air fares before this. We can't set air fares after this."

The deal would create a giant airline with major hubs in key domestic markets including New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Houston and San Francisco and an international network that includes United's extensive routes in the Pacific and Continental's routes to Europe and Latin America.

The companies said 57 percent of their capacity would be domestic, with 20 percent across the Atlantic, 15 percent

across the Pacific and 8 percent to Latin America.

Smisek said the carrier would not eliminate service to any cities, and said Cleveland would continue to be one of the hubs when deal closes, even though it is near United's hub in Chicago.

"But it would be premature to talk about Cleveland or any hub for that matter in terms of how things will shake out over the next few years," he said.

Officials for the two airlines said they will eliminate some

headquarters jobs in Houston and Chicago, but they gave no numbers.

The deal will leave three big U.S. airlines with major international routes—the new United, Delta and American Airlines, with US Airways a distant fourth.

United is the nation's third-largest carrier by traffic, while Continental Airlines Inc., in Houston, is No. 4.

The carriers said they would file their applications quickly with regulators including the Justice

Department and the European Commission. Justice Department spokeswoman Gina Talamona said its antitrust division "is looking at the proposed transaction between these two airlines."

The department routinely examines airline deals, which may affect services and prices for consumers.

Smisek said United and Continental would seek shareholder votes in September, with the hope of closing the deal by the end of the year.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Federal law may limit BP liability in oil spill

WASHINGTON (AP)—A federal law may limit how much BP has to pay for damages such as lost wages and economic suffering in the Gulf Coast oil spill, despite President Barack Obama's assurances that taxpayers will not be on the hook. A law passed in response to the 1989 Exxon Valdez spill in Alaska makes BP responsible for cleanup costs. But the law sets a \$75 million limit on other kinds of damages. Economic losses to the Gulf Coast are likely to exceed that. In response, several Democratic

senators introduced legislation Monday to raise the liability limit to \$10 billion, though it was not clear that it could be made to apply retroactively.

Stronger economic reports pull stocks higher

NEW YORK (AP)—Investors sent stocks soaring Monday after getting a boost of confidence from the latest economic reports and Warren Buffett's defense of Goldman Sachs. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 143 points for its biggest gain in two and a half months. The Dow and broader indexes all climbed

more than 1 percent. The market rebounded from a drop Friday after a string of welcome news eased some of the concerns that have been dogging investors. Economic reports signaled that consumer spending and manufacturing are strengthening. Meanwhile, Germany's approval of bailout funds for Greece and Buffett's vote of confidence in Goldman, whose shares he owns, helped reassure investors. Goldman has been under fire the past two weeks after regulators filed civil charges accusing the bank of fraudulent dealing in mortgage-backed securities.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CUC-RFP-10-030

Supply of (2) Two 1825KW Power Modules for CUC Rota Power Plant

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified individuals or firms for the urgent supply of **(2) Two 1825KW Power Modules** for CUC Rota Power Plant, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The generator sets will be used to power the Island of Rota, while CUC take down existing generators for major engine overhaul and rehabilitation. The existing generator sets on Rota are seriously overdue for overhauls and the power situation on Rota is very critical.

Due to this critical situation in Rota, Offerors must have units available for delivery no later than Six (6) months or 180 days from the closing of this BID. Used Modules with low hours will also be considered.

A site visit and pre-proposal meeting is not planned, but Offerors who wish to visit CUC Rota power plant will be permitted with prior approval. All Offerors are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on part of the Offerors due to a lack of information or understanding of the plant site conditions in the course of the Contractor's preparation of a bid or performance of work under the contract.

The Scope-of-Work will be e-mailed upon request, to all interested Offerors, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays, until May 14, 2010.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a seal envelope marked "**CUC-RFP-10-030, Supply of (2) Two 1825KW Power Modules for CUC Rota Power Plant**" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No.4, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan, P.O.Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **May 20, 2010 at 10:00 AM**, (CHST) local time. Late submissions will not be considered.

A bid guarantee of 15 percent of the total proposal price must accompany the bid offer. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Office of the Attorney General. A performance and payment bond of hundred (100%) percent each of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety for proposal security or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Office of the Attorney General. No advance payment will be authorized on the project or an Irrevocable Letter of Credit (100% aggregate contract cost/CUC Beneficiary) or a payment bond. All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Offerors must submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all offer and waive any imperfection in the solicitation for competitive sealed proposals, in the interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (CHST) local time on **May 17, 2010** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr., Procurement & Supply Manager via email at msablan@cucgov.net, Mr. Wallon Young, Deputy Director Power System Rehabilitation via email at wallon59@yahoo.com, Mr. Charles Manglona, CUC Rota Deputy Director at charles@cucgov.net and Mr. John Onedera, Power Division Engineer at johno@cucgov.net.

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ADDENDUM NO. 1 04-16-10 ITB10-GOV-087

Phase II, Hardening/Renovations of the Juan A. Sablan Administration Building and Elevator Installation Project"

The previously advertised notice, Invitation To Bids ("ITB") for the "**Phase II, Hardening/Renovations of the Juan A. Sablan Administration Building and Elevator Installation Project**" has been amended. The specific amendment is to include seven (7) sheets of plans and specifications to retrofit energy efficient type windows, extend when bids are due when bids will open and performance time to 180 calendar days. Amendment shall read:

Bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, May 11, 2010. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time May 11, 2010, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than May 11, 2010 and must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. May 20, 2010 (Saipan Local Time). Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 4:00 p.m. Saipan local time, May 20, 2010. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will opened at 11:00 a.m. Saipan local time, on May 11, 2010.

All other elements of the ITB remain as originally provided. For further information on this project, please contact the Office of Capital Improvement, Capitol Hill, Saipan, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Monday through Friday, except holidays) or by contacting Mr. Carl Castro, Project Coordinator at 664-2371 or by fax at 664-2408. Questions are due no later than close of business day April 27, 2010.

/s/ Eloy S. Inos, Lieutenant Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Procurement & Supply

Nation

Attention shoppers: Gulf spill could affect you

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—The calamitous oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico isn't just a mess for the people who live or work on the coast. If you drink coffee, eat shrimp, like bananas or plan to buy a new set of tires, you could end up paying more because of the disaster.

The slick has forced the shutdown of the gulf's rich fishing grounds and could also spread to the busy shipping lanes at the mouth of the Mississippi River, tying up the cargo vessels that move millions of tons of fruit, rubber, grain, steel and other commodities and raw materials in and out of the nation's interior.

Though a total shutdown of the shipping lanes is unlikely, there could be long delays if vessels are forced to wait to have their oil-coated hulls power-washed to avoid contaminating the Mississippi.

Some cargo ships might choose to unload somewhere else in the U.S. That could drive up costs.

"Let's say it gets real bad. It gets blocked off and they don't let anything in. They lose time, and they are very concerned about that," said river pilot Michael Lorino. "It's going to be very costly if they have to unload that cargo in another port and ship it back here because it was destined for here."

When a tanker and a tugboat collided near New Orleans two years ago, oil cascaded down the river and some 200 ships stacked up, unable to move for several days while the Coast Guard had the vessels scrubbed. Millions of dollars were lost.

Several river boat pilots said the edge of the oil slick Monday was 15 to 20 miles off the Southwest Pass, where ships headed to New Orleans enter the Mississippi. The latest satellite image of the slick, taken Sunday night, indicates that it has shrunk since last week, but that only means some of the oil has



Hosea Wilson loads shrimp from their catch into a basket, Monday, May 3, 2010, at the Venice Marina in Venice, La. NOAA has restricted commercial and recreational fishing in oil-affected portions of the Gulf of Mexico. Their boat has been recruited to aid with the oil spill clean up efforts.

gone underwater.

The new image found oil covering about 2,000 square miles, rather than the roughly 3,400 square miles observed last Thursday, said Hans Graber of the University of Miami.

The new image also shows that sizable patches have broken away and are moving to the north and east, Graber said.

Crews have been struggling to stop the more than 200,000 gallons a day spewing from the sea after an offshore drilling platform blew up and sank last month in a disaster that killed 11 workers. The accident is the worst U.S. oil spill since the tanker Exxon Valdez ran

aground in Alaska, leaking nearly 11 million gallons of crude.

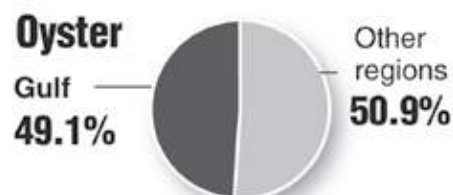
Chemical dispersants seemed to be helping to keep oil from floating to the surface, but crews haven't been able to activate a shutout valve underwater. And it could take another week before a 98-ton concrete-and-metal box is placed over one of the leaks to capture the oil.

More ominously, it could take three months to drill sideways into the well and plug it with mud and concrete.

BP said Monday it would compensate people for "legitimate and objectively verifiable" claims from the explosion and spill, but President Barack Obama and others pressed the company

Threatened business

Half the total value of the U.S. oyster crop and most of the value of the shrimp crop were produced the Gulf of Mexico. Origin of U.S. oyster and shrimp landings, 2008:



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Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Graphic: Jay Lee, Los Angeles Times

to explain exactly what that means.

By all accounts, the disaster is certain to cost BP billions. But analysts said the company could handle it; BP is the world's third-largest oil company and made more than \$6 billion in the first three months of this year. The oil spill has drained \$32 billion from BP's stock market value.

Restaurants, hotels, casinos and other coastal businesses from Florida to Texas are bracing for their own pain.

Dana Powell expects at least some lost business at the Paradise Inn in Pensacola Beach, Fla., and could see a different type of guest altogether: Instead of families boating, parasailing and

fishing, workers on cleanup crews will probably be renting her rooms.

"They won't be having as much fun," she said, "but they might be buying more liquor at the bar, because they'll be so depressed."

ACROSS THE NATION

Official: Suspect in custody in NY car bomb attack

NEW YORK (AP)—A law enforcement official says a suspect in last weekend's failed car bomb attack on Times Square has been taken into custody while trying to leave the country. The official spoke to The Associated Press early Tuesday on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the investigation. The suspect has not been named. He is being held in New York. Law enforcement officials say the suspect is a Pakistani who recently returned from a trip to Pakistan and bought the 1993 Nissan Pathfinder used in the failed car bomb three weeks ago and paid cash. The officials spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the case. The SUV was rigged with a crude propane-and-gasoline bomb. It had cheap-looking alarm clocks connected to a 16-ounce can filled with fireworks.

Woman stabs 4 in Southern Calif. Target store

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (AP)—A woman who stabbed and wounded four people in a busy Target store Monday afternoon was arrested when an off-duty sheriff's deputy pulled his gun and ordered the woman to the ground as screaming shoppers ran from the building, authorities said. Layla Trawick used a butcher's knife and a carving knife to attack the victims, using both blades at the same time—one in each hand, like in the movie "Psycho," sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore said. "She was literally walking up and down the aisles slashing people," he said. A mother holding her baby was stabbed in the neck and was in critical condition, Whitmore said. The baby was unhurt and all four victims were expected to survive.

Cops: Man awaiting sobriety test takes last swig

BELLEVIEW, Fla. (AP)—Authorities said a central Florida man took one last swig of alcohol while waiting to take a sobriety test. Marion County Sheriff's deputies stopped 61-year-old Dana Seaman after noticing his car swerve three times. Seaman said he'd been drinking and agreed to a sobriety test. But first, Deputy Eric Larson said he watched Seaman drink from a cup and toss it under the passenger seat. According to a police report, the cup smelled strongly of alcohol. Seaman refused a breath test. He has been charged with DUI. A message left for Seaman was not immediately returned Monday.

Death toll rises as river crests, floods Nashville

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Muddy waters poured over the banks of Nashville's swollen Cumberland River on Monday, spilling into Music City's historic downtown streets while rescuers using boats and Jet Skis plucked stranded residents away from their flooded homes as the death toll from the weekend storms climbed to 28 people in three states.

The flash floods caused by record-breaking amounts of rain caught many off-guard, forcing thousands to frantically flee their homes and

hotels. The rapidly rising waters led to the deaths of 17 people in Tennessee alone, including 10 in Nashville, and officials feared that the death toll could increase. Officials announced the latest deaths late Monday after receding flood waters revealed six more bodies.

Though the historic Ryman Auditorium—the former home of the Grand Ole Opry—and the recording studios of Music Row were not in immediate danger, parts of other top Nashville tourist spots including the Country

Music Hall of Fame and The Grand Ole Opry House were flooded.

"You never think something like this will happen in Nashville," said Stan Milstead of Tulsa, Okla., as he watched the dark brown river waters creep deeper into downtown.

Weekend storms dumped more than 13 inches of rain in two days in the Nashville area, leading to a quick rise of the Cumberland River and its tributaries. Authorities closed off streets in downtown Nashville as forecasters predicted the Cumberland would crest

there early as Monday night at about 12 feet above flood stage.

About five miles east of downtown, flooding forced about 1,500 guests from the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center to evacuate Sunday night to a high school, indefinitely shutting down one of the nation's largest hotel and convention centers.

"We had just finished eating and suddenly they said: 'Go! Go! Go!'" Gerdi Bauerle, 70, who was visiting from Munich, Germany, said Monday. "And we said 'Wait, we haven't even paid.'"

Official: Mayor can't challenge AZ immigration law

PHOENIX (AP)—A proposed legal challenge to Arizona's new immigration law took a hit Monday when the Phoenix city attorney said Mayor Phil Gordon doesn't have the power to target the law without the support of the City Council.

Gordon was hoping to file a lawsuit to stop the law requiring local and state law enforcement officers to question people about their immigration status if there's reason to suspect they're in the country illegally.

After failing to gather enough support from City Council members, Gordon had

claimed he could file a lawsuit without their approval.

But the legal opinion by City Attorney Gary Verburg said only the City Council has the power to authorize lawsuits.

"I just don't think we should be dragging the city of Phoenix and the taxpayers into this when they say they don't want us to file a lawsuit," said Sal DiCiccio, a City Council member who supports the law.

Gerardo Higginson, a spokesman for Gordon, didn't immediately return a call seeking comment late in the day.

Four lawsuits challenging the law

were filed last week by the National Coalition of Latino Clergy and Christian Leaders, a Washington-based researcher who plans to visit Arizona and two police officers, one from Phoenix and the other from Tucson.

The officers filed the lawsuit as individuals and weren't challenging the law on behalf of their employers.

Meanwhile, a delegation of local officials from Arizona planned to meet Tuesday in Washington, D.C., with a representative of the U.S. Justice Department's civil rights division to discuss the impact that law will have on

the Latino community.

Arizonans who plan to attend include Maricopa County Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox, state Rep. Kyrsten Sinema and the Rev. Saul Montiel of Epworth United Methodist Church in Phoenix.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder has said the federal government may go to court to challenge the new law.

Eliseo Medina, international executive vice president at Service Employees International Union, said the Arizona delegation asked for the meeting to convey a sense of urgency about the need for legal action.

Asia

Lee: Warship sinking was no 'simple accident'

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—President Lee Myung-bak ordered a thorough review of South Korea's military readiness Tuesday, calling the sinking of a warship no "simple accident" as officials inched closer to blaming North Korea in the deadly incident.

Lee did not directly name wartime rival North Korea as a suspect in the March 26 disaster as he opened a historic meeting of top military commanders at the Defense Ministry. However, he made it clear for the first time that he considers the sinking of the Cheonan following an explosion in disputed waters near the Koreas' maritime border to be an incident linked to North Korea. The president also called North Korea "the most belligerent forces" in the world.

What is obvious so far is that the Cheonan did not sink due to a simple accident," he said. "As soon as the incident occurred, I sensed it was a grave international and inter-Korean matter."

The 1,200-ton Cheonan sank in the Yellow Sea after an explosion blew the frigate apart. Fifty-eight sailors were rescued, but 46 were killed. Defense Minister Kim Tae-young has said after an initial investigation that a torpedo appears the likely culprit.

Seoul has never directly blamed North Korea for the sinking, and Pyongyang has denied involvement. However, suspicion has focused on the North, given its history of provocations and attacks.

The two Koreas remain technically locked in a state of war because their three-year conflict ended in a truce, not a peace treaty, in 1953. North Korea disputes the U.N.-drawn maritime border off the west coast, and the two navies have fought three bloody sea battles in the waters.

Lee said he immediately ordered a joint international investigation after the incident and said he expected the results soon.

"After we find the cause, I will take definite, stern" action against those responsible, he said in a nationally televised speech.

He said there must be no delay in ensuring the country's security, and ordered a "full-fledged" review of South Korea's military readiness.

Thai protesters considering PM's election plan

BANGKOK (AP)—Thailand's anti-government demonstrators said they will respond Tuesday to the prime minister's new proposal for early elections in exchange for ending their occupation of downtown Bangkok that has crippled the capital for weeks.

Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva proposed a Nov. 14 date for fresh polls if anti-government protesters accept his reconciliation plan and peace and stability is restored.

He made the offer in a speech Monday night broadcast on all

television channels, eight weeks into a tense standoff with demonstrators that has cost 27 lives.

Abhisit said he would proceed with his reconciliation plan even if the so-called Red Shirt protesters occupying central Bangkok reject it, but in that case he could not set a date for the elections.

The Red Shirts claim that Abhisit came to power illegitimately in December 2008 with the help of army pressure on legislators. They have called for Parliament to be dissolved in 30

days or less. An election must be held within 60 days of Parliament being dissolved.

A Red Shirt protest leader, Jatuporn Prompan, said the group would hold a meeting to discuss Abhisit's offer and give its response Tuesday.

Abhisit has said he wants enough time in office to pass a budget for next year. But both sides also want to be in control of the government when a key reshuffle of top military posts occurs in September so they can influence the outcome.

Japan PM: Moving US base off Okinawa 'impossible'

TOKYO (AP)—Japan's prime minister says moving all of a key U.S. Marine base out of Okinawa is "impossible," breaking with past promises to move the base outside the southern island.

It was the first time since Yukio Hatoyama became prime minis-

ter in September that he officially acknowledged that at least part of Futenma Marine air field would remain in Okinawa, which hosts more than half the 47,000 American troops based in Japan.

Hatoyama had frozen a 2006 agreement with Washington

on moving Futenma to a less crowded part of the island, straining ties with the U.S.

On Tuesday he said "it is impossible" to move all of the base out of its current location, saying that Okinawa must share some of the burden.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Indian court convicts Pakistani in Mumbai siege

MUMBAI, India (AP)—An Indian court on Monday convicted the only surviving gunman in the bloody 2008 Mumbai siege, ruling Mohammed Ajmal Kasab was guilty of murder and waging war for his role in the attacks that left 166 people dead and deeply shook India. Two Indians accused of helping plot the violence were acquitted. The verdict also implicated Pakistanis still at large in the attacks, which is likely to complicate recent attempts by Islamabad and New Delhi to rekindle formal peace talks. Calls for swift retribution rang out from the streets of Mumbai, while in Pakistan doubts swirled about India's intentions and the fairness of the trial. The November siege reverberated across India. Millions watched on television as the violence stretched over three days, leaving corpses scattered through some of the

city's best-known places.

Intel: US missiles kill 4 in northwest Pakistan

MIR ALI, Pakistan (AP)—Suspected U.S. missiles killed four alleged militants in a Pakistani tribal region near the Afghan border Monday, officials said, while a top U.S. general arrived here to discuss the countries' efforts in the war against Islamist extremists.

The missile strike underscored U.S. confidence in the much-criticized tactic, despite recent video footage that shows the Pakistani Taliban chief may not have been killed in a similar attack in January as earlier thought. The three missiles were fired minutes apart at a moving vehicle in the Marsi Khel area in North Waziristan, said two intelligence officials who confirmed the death toll on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak on the record.

1st woman to climb tallest peaks returns safely

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP)—A South Korean who became the first woman to scale the world's 14 highest peaks returned to the Nepalese capital from Mount Annapurna on Monday, saying she's ready to take a break from mountaineering. "The last few years have been too tiring, now I am going to rest," 44-year-old Oh Eun-sun told reporters in Katmandu. Oh scaled Annapurna last week, the last of the 14 peaks above 26,247 feet (8,000 meters) she needed to climb to set the mark. She reached the summit—26,545 feet (8,091 meters) above sea level—13 years after she scaled her first Himalayan mountain, Gasherbrum II, in 1997. She scaled Everest in 2004. Oh said Monday she would take a break from climbing for the next three or four years before deciding what to do next.

World

Clinton, Ahmadinejad trade barbs over nukes at UN

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton engaged in a verbal nuclear exchange Monday on the U.N. stage, where nations gathered for a monthlong debate over the world's ultimate weapons.

Speaking from the podium of the General Assembly Hall, Clinton accused Iran of "flouting the rules" of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty with its suspect uranium enrichment program, and said it is "time for a strong international response."

For his part, Ahmadinejad earlier rejected such allegations, saying Washington has offered not "a single credible proof."

They were the opening salvos in four weeks of deliberations over how to improve the NPT, formally reviewed every five years in a meeting of all 189 treaty members—all the world's nations except India, Pakistan, Israel and North Korea.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States has 5,113 nuclear warheads in its stockpile and "several thou-



AP
Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad speaks at a conference to review the workings of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT) at United Nations Headquarters, Monday, May 3, 2010.

sand" more retired warheads awaiting the junkpile, the Pentagon said Monday in an unprecedented accounting of a secretive arsenal born in the Cold War and now shrinking rapidly.

The Obama administration disclosed the size of its atomic stockpile going back to 1962 as part of a campaign to get other nuclear nations to be more forthcoming, and to improve its bargaining position against the prospect of a nuclear Iran.

"We think it is in our national security interest to be as transparent as we can be about the nuclear program of the United States," Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton told reporters at the United Nations, where she addressed a conference on containing the spread of atomic weapons.

The review conference is meant to produce a final document pointing toward ways to better achieve the NPT's goals of checking the spread of nuclear weapons, while working toward reducing and eventually eliminating them.

Because it requires a consensus of all parties, including Iran, any formal final decision would be highly unlikely to censure the Tehran government, which would block consensus.

Instead, as delegates assess the state of the NPT in U.N. conference halls, U.S. and European diplomats will be working elsewhere to reach agreement with sometimes reluctant China and Russia on a fourth round of U.N. Security Council economic penalties to impose on Iran.

Merkel: \$29.6 billion in aid for Greece planned

BERLIN (AP)—Chancellor Angela Merkel's Cabinet approved legislation on Monday that would give Greece euro22.4 billion (\$29.6 billion) over three years as part of a wider bailout, as the German government acknowledged that letting Greece go bankrupt could send the euro into a tailspin and hurt Germany's own economy.

"It doesn't only mean that we help Greece, but that we stabilize the euro as a whole, which

helps people in Germany," said Merkel, who, along with Germany, had been battered by critics for dragging its feet on any decision until Greek bonds were relegated to junk status last week.

The remark was a nod to the popular discontent in Europe's biggest economy about having to pay so much to help a fellow European Union country that many Germans feel has been fast and loose with its finances

for years.

The European Central Bank, meanwhile, suspended its rating limits on Greek debt.

Both moves came after European governments and the International Monetary Fund agreed Sunday to give euro110 billion (\$145 billion) in loans to Greece over three years. The loans came after Athens adopted a new round of austerity measures that provoked fresh uproar among Greek workers.

WORLD BRIEFS

Ireland shuts airports Tuesday as ash risk returns

DUBLIN (AP)—All flights in and out of Ireland have been canceled Tuesday morning because of the renewed risk of volcanic ash drifting south from Iceland, the Irish Aviation Authority announced Monday. But experts said they couldn't tell whether the shifting winds would lead to wider European airspace shutdowns, mirroring last month's crisis, when more than 100,000 flights were canceled and airlines estimated they lost more than \$2 billion in business. "We cannot really tell what it is going to do," said University of Iceland geophysicist Pall Einarsson. Ireland's airspace managers said all flights from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (0600GMT to 1200GMT) had to be canceled because of "the safety risks to crews and passengers as a result of the drift south of the volcanic

ash cloud caused by the northeasterly winds."

Magnitude 6.4 quake shakes Chile, no damages

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)—The U.S. Geological Survey says a magnitude-6.4 earthquake has struck off Chile's central coast. There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries. The USGS says the quake's epicenter was 151 kilometers (94 miles) southwest of Concepcion, Chile, at a depth of 20 kilometers (12 miles). Radio stations in the Bio-Bio region reported no major damages or injuries from Monday's tremor. The area has been shaken by hundreds of smaller quakes since a huge magnitude-8.8 quake hit on Feb. 27, triggering a tsunami and killing 486 people. On Sunday, a 5.9-magnitude quake struck the area, one of more than a dozen perceptible temblors since Saturday.

5 killed while playing soccer in southern Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Gunmen drove up to a soccer field and shot five men to death as they played early Monday near the Pacific coast resort of Acapulco, police in southern Mexico said. It was unclear why the five men were playing so late, but the region of Guerrero state is often so hot and humid by day that athletes wait until night to compete. Many people also work unusual hours in the local tourist industry. The men were playing in the hamlet of Xaltianguis, on the northern outskirts of Acapulco, when gunmen in three vehicles pulled up beside the field and opened fire. Two of the dead were identified as local men aged 25 and 34. The other three victims had not been identified because relatives quickly took the bodies away.

Campus Life

What KagES is doing for Teachers Appreciation Week



Kagman Elementary School staff and personnel.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

This week, May 3 to 7, 2010, Kagman Elementary School will be celebrating Teachers Appreciation Week by designating each day to show our deepest appreciation and gratitude to all hardworking Blue Marlins Teachers at KagES. Each day, students as well as their parents are tasked to show their token appreciation by providing the following and honoring all the Blue Marlin teachers at KagES.

On Monday was "Fresh Coconut Drink Day": Students and their parents provided their teachers at least one refreshing coconut drink to show their token of appreciation.

Yesterday, Tuesday, was "Local Fruits Day": Students and their parents were encouraged to bring at least one local fruit, whether it be ripe mangoes, papayas, tangerine, bananas, etc.

Today, Wednesday, is "Art Work Drawing of their Teacher": Students are encouraged to use their creativity to present their

teacher a nice and simple artwork about their teacher using their creativity and imagination, as well as using the Internet to explore artwork ideas.

Tomorrow, Thursday, is "Praise Note or Thank You Letter Day": Students are encouraged to use their creativity in writing a praise note and thank you letter to their teachers.

Friday is "Fresh Local Flowers, Plants, Leis, or Mwaars Day": Students are encouraged to bring at least one fresh flower or plants, and leis or mwaars as a token show of their appreciation of their teacher.

Our school guidance counselors as well as our STUCO officers are working very hard this week in preparation of Teachers Appreciation Week, by providing each grade level's Teachers Appreciation Bulletin Boards inspirational messages, such as Teachers Poems and Teachers Inspirational Quotes of the Week

from great authors. By doing this activity, KagES is sending out appreciations to all the Blue Marlins for their commitment, dedication, and hard work in making an impact on student learning.

Who are the Blue Marlins Teachers?

■ **Kindergarten Teachers:** Mrs. Amy Amirez and Mrs. Turiana Welch

■ **1st Grade Teachers:** Ms. Lee Pangelinan, Mrs. Elena Enriquez, Mrs. Levie Rasa, Ms. Theresa Bunger, Ms. Sophie Mindach, and Mrs. Sally Brant.

■ **2nd Grade Teachers:** Mrs. Imee Talon, Mrs. Hellena Jebehn, Ms. Lacey Nerdig, Mrs. Ernesta B. Funkgub, Mrs. Cynthia Cepeda, and Ms. Amber Sarkkinen.

■ **3rd Grade Teachers:** Mrs. Helen Hocog, Mr. Peter Arriola, Mrs. Dorothy Santos, Ms. Kia Britain, and Ms. Lareyna Loling Camacho.

■ **4th Grade Teachers:** Mrs. Nel-

ly Sablan, Mrs. Maria Mettao, Mrs. Juvy Taitano, Mrs. Yolanda Igisaiar, Mrs. Grace Palacios, and Mrs. Grace Palacios.

■ **5th Grade Teachers:** Mrs. Sally Limes, Mrs. Doris Sablan, Mrs. Yolanda DLC. Benavente, Mr. John Ulrich, and Mr. Mike Talon.

■ **Reading Resource Teachers:** Mrs. Helen Ann Bucher, Mrs. Kerry Uhl and Mrs. Mary Asper

■ **Computer Teacher:** Mr. Thomas Uhl

■ **SPED Program teachers and teacher aides:** Ms. Thelma Cing, Contact Teacher, Mrs. Mila Calibo, Mrs. Penny Norita, Mrs. Rose Sablan, Mrs. Marites Irriarte, Ms. Felicita San Nicolas, Mrs. Laura Cruz, Mr. Frank Arurang, Mr. Justine Santos, Mr. Harley Erich, and Mr. Ed Chen,

■ **CCLHS instructors/teacher aides:** Mrs. Kinai Chong, Mrs. Toyoko P. Chen, Ms. Tricia Santos, Mrs. Mona Indalecio, Mrs. Zenaida Santos, Mrs. Ana I. Gatbonton, and Mrs. Gregoria Laniyo.

Teachers are celebrated at Oleai Elementary

Teachers, teacher aides, and instructors are celebrated this week for their tireless effort and commitment in providing quality education and promoting "Students First". Oleai Elementary School kicked off the week with a high-spirited school assembly filled with dance and certificate presentation for their teacher and teacher aide of the month. Kagman High

School planned an ice cream social in the school cafeteria with their teachers and staff. WSR Elementary School planned the following activities: Monday: Bring a Flower day/Tuesday: Bring an Apple day/Wednesday: Give a hug or High Five day/Thursday: Bring a Praise Note/Thank You Note Day and Friday: Bring a Sweet Treat Day. GTC Elementary School,

Home of the Binadu, with the assistance of the students has coordinated the following activities:

Students:

■ **Monday:** Bring a flower, or flower lei or mwar day

■ **Tuesday:** Write a thank you or appreciation card day

■ **Wednesday:** Bring a treat (a fruit, a drink, chocolate, or cookie) day

■ **Thursday:** Make memorable art work day

■ **Friday:** "Compose TEACHER poem day

From the school:

■ **Monday:** Host breakfast for teachers

■ **Tuesday:** Host teacher appreciation party

■ **Wednesday:** Supply treat bag

■ **Thursday:** Chocolate day

■ **Friday:** Teacher Appreciation Assembly facilitated by STUCO

Saipan student gains appointment to US Merchant Marine Academy

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Saipan resident Min Joo Jung has been granted an appointment to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, NY for the Class of 2014. Jung, a 2009 graduate of Mount Carmel School on Saipan, is currently attending the New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, NM. He is the son of In Young Jung and Ae Seon Jung of Saipan.

Jung was nominated to the USMMA by U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili Sablan (D-MP). "I congratulate Min Joo on his appointment to the Merchant Marine Acad-



Jung

emy. He is an ambitious, well-rounded individual who I believe will make excellent addition to the Merchant Marine Academy and will represent the Northern Mariana Islands well at Kings Point," said Sablan.

Jung is among the 10 NMMI preparatory school students out of 30 that received an early ap-

pointment for the USMMA Class of 2014. He is currently a member of the NMCI Centurion Drill Team. Prior to moving to New Mexico, Jung was actively involved in community service activities. He is a former AmeriCorps volunteer tutor, head camp counselor and member of his church choir. While in high school, Jung was also active in many extracurricular activities. He played for Mount Carmel School's basketball team and was named Most Valuable Player one season. He was a member of the

Paddling Team that won the islandwide championship for two years. He was also a member of the school volleyball team, Mock Trial Competition Championship team and participated in the Junior Statesmen of America program for three summers.

Upon graduation from the USMMA, graduates have the option to serve as a shipboard officer at sea, ashore in the maritime and intermodal transportation field, or as an active duty officer in one of the nation's Armed Forces. (PR)

CAMPUS BULLETIN

SSHS mid-progress report cards out

To all parents and legal guardians of Saipan Southern High School students: Mid-progress report term four is scheduled to be picked up on Thursday, May 13, from 3pm to 6pm. Teachers will be available in their classrooms for parents and legal guardian visit. All students will be released at 1pm. (PR)

SSHA registration schedule

Saipan Southern School is now accepting registration for all incoming 9th grade students from Hopwood Junior High School and any other public or private school, for SY 2010-2011. Parents are encouraged to register early to allow students better selection in their class schedule. Registration forms may be picked up during regular school hours, 7:30am-4:30pm. All new incoming students must fill out and turn in a registration form. Hopwood 8th grade students who were evaluated in March by an SSHS' counselor are not automatically enrolled; they must fill out a registration form. Orientation for all new students will be held sometime toward the end of August, the date to be announced. (PR)

Oleai Elementary School PTSA meeting

The PTSA officers of Oleai Elementary School would like to inform the parents and guardians of Oleai Elementary School that there would be a PTSA meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at 6:15pm in the school cafeteria. Everyone is encouraged to attend. (PR)

Kagman High calendar of events

To all parents and guardians of Kagman High School students:

■ Junior Night on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, from 5pm to 7pm at the KHS Cafeteria. Parents and guardians must attend.

■ Shoutouts: To Kagman High School Faculty and staff in celebration of Teacher Appreciation Week. Coming from KHS students.

If you have any questions, call KHS at 237-3867/40. (PR)

Saipan's Jang named to Kappa Delta Pi chapter

Saipan resident Emily Jang was recently chosen for membership in the Alpha Mu chapter of Kappa Delta Pi at the University of Wyoming. She, together with nine other new members, were initiated into membership Thursday, April 28, 2010.

Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education, elects those to membership who exhibit the ideals of quality scholarship, high personal standards, and promise in teaching and allied professions. Selection as a member of Kappa Delta Pi is based on high academic achievement, a commitment to education as a career, and a professional attitude that assures steady growth in the profession. (PR)

Sr. Remedios offers daycare services

Sister Remedios Early Childhood Development Center will be offering summer daycare services:

First Session -- June 8, 2010 to July 3, 2010 (\$200)

Second Session -- July 3, 2010 to July 31, 2010 (\$200)

Both Sessions -- June 8, 2010 to July 31, 2010 (\$375)

If you are interested call the Sister Remedios office at 234-6247 or email: srrecdc@yahoo.com. (PR)

Art contest for grade school students

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is sponsoring an art contest for grade school students concerning the impacts of marine debris on coastal waters. The contest is targeted for grade school students from K-4 through 5 and 8 from the U.S. states and all its territories. All recognized public, private, and home schools are encouraged to participate. This is a great way to get the children involved in marine debris and its effect on coastal waters.

Entries (entry form and artwork) should be mailed to:

Art Contest

ATTN: Megan Forbes

NOAA Marine Debris Program

1305 East West Highway

SSMC4, 10th Floor

Silver Spring, MD 20910

If you have any questions, contact Carey Morishige at Carey.Morishige@noaa.gov, call (808) 397-2651 Ext. 256, or visit www.marinedebris.noaa.gov. (PR)

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- **Leonora Lee Cepeda & Felimon K. Camacho** (*Wendy Jeanine, Kaitleen Kelsey, Leonard Joseph*)
- **Elsie Lynne C. & Press Camacho** (*Vernon John, Alexis Jude, Bryanna Lynn, Pressel Jean*)
- **Jordonna Lena Cabrera Cepeda** (*Vida-Neko' Kruzanna*)
- **Raymond Randy Cabrera Cepeda & Zania Fleming** (*Sinahi Ray, Krissy Rease, Kahi*)

BROTHERS, SISTERS & SPOUSES:

Victoria Cepeda & Francisco Quitano
Mae Q. & Glenn Dikito and Family
William C. & Candy Quitano and Family
Pilar Q. & Joseph c. Lizama and Family
Manuel C. & Orpha C. Quitano and Family

Estella Sablan Cepeda
Brenda Cepeda and Family

Victorino S. & Marcelina P. Cepeda
Melvin P. & Eleanor A. Cepeda and Family
Frankie P. Cepeda

Dolores A. & Dave Eagle
Melissa A. Manibusan and Family
Mark A. Manibusan and Family

BROTHERS/SISTERS-IN-LAWS:

Margarita C. & Pedro W. Torres
Margaret Bertha C. Torres & Mike Sablan and family
Jaquelin T. & Joseph D. Camacho and family
Peter W. II & Trina Dlg. Torres and family
Jesse C. & Gina T. Torres and family
Risha C. Torres & Joseph Lifofoi II and family

Victorina C. Butteris & +Glenn D. Butteris
Darrin C. Butteris & Doris DLGuerrero and family

Remedios C. & Vicente P. Diaz
Vicente P. Diaz Jr.
Adrian C. Diaz
Thomas C. Diaz & Chelsey and family
Kekoa C. Diaz

Diana C. & Francisco C. Torres
Pamela C. Torres and family
Jeffrey C. Torres and family
Kolani C. Torres and family
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 BROTHER : †Fernando Sablan Cepeda
 SISTERS : †Marina Cepeda
 †Fermina Cepeda
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 SON IN LAW : †Vincent Fejeran
 PARENTS IN LAW : †Leonardo Camacho & †Ignacia Celis Cabrera
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 †Juan Celis Cabrera

Daily Mass of intention is being offered at Kristo Rai Church at 6:00am. Holy Rosary is being prayed nightly at 7:00 p.m. at their residence at As Teo.

Tomorrow, Thursday, May 6, 2010 – our beloved KELLY will leave Nuestra Senora Dela Paz Memorial Chapel in Beach Road Garapan at 7:30am and will be escorted to their residence in As Teo. Responso Service will be at 8:00am followed by public viewing. Recitation of the Holy Rosary will be at 11:00am.

At 1:30pm, our beloved will be transported to Kristo Rai Church in Garapan for the Mass of Christian Burial which will be celebrated at 2:00pm. Interment services will follow immediately at Mount Carmel Cemetery.

Please join us in prayers. Thank You.

Eugenia Cabrera Cepeda
Children & Families



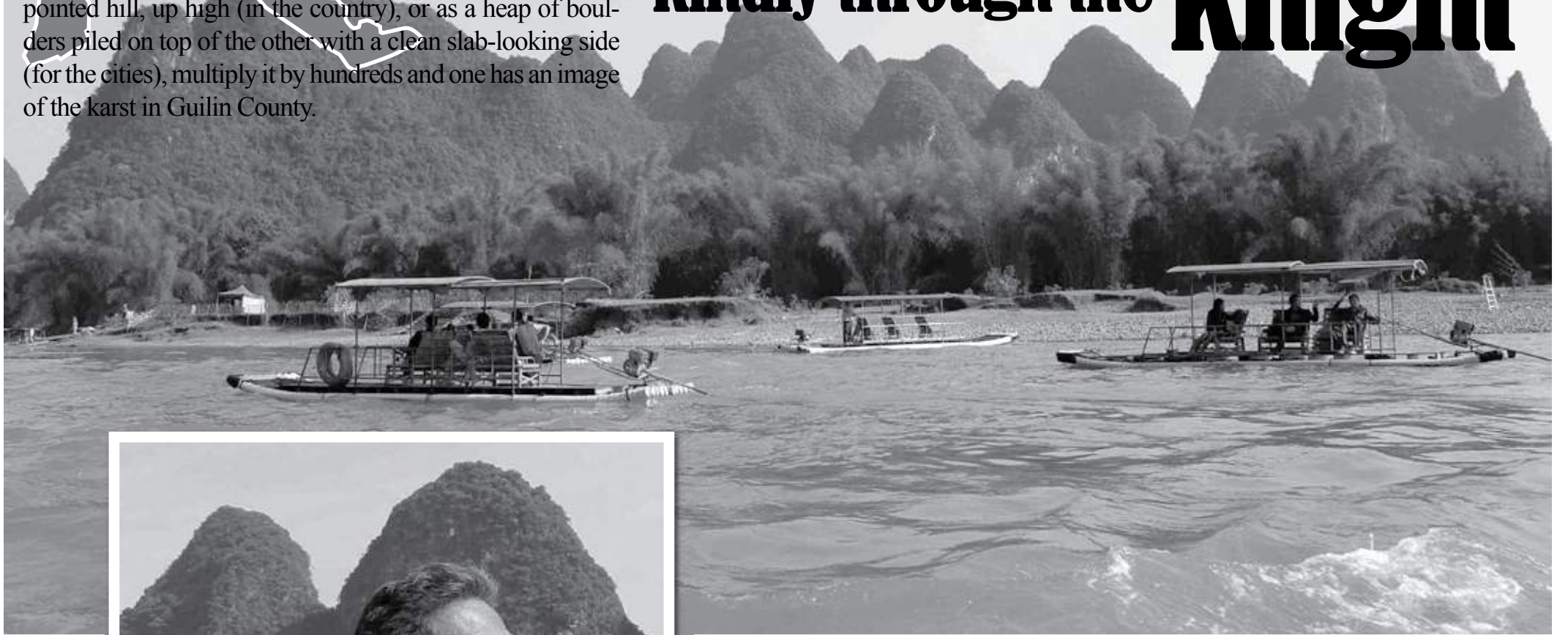
Life & Style

By JAIME VERGARA
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Karst is the geological formation of the area along the Lijiang (Li River) in Guangxi Province, particularly in the area of Guilin County, and the waterway between Guilin and Yangshuo cities. For those unfamiliar with a picture of a karst protruding toward the sky, imagine Suicide Cliff by the Last Command Post, and think of it as lushly vegetated pointed hill, up high (in the country), or as a heap of boulders piled on top of the other with a clean slab-looking side (for the cities), multiply it by hundreds and one has an image of the karst in Guilin County.

CHINA TRAILS 5:

Karst it to me kindly through the knight



formance are usually reserved for the foreign audiences while the peripheral seats are for the locals. No evident discrimination policy here; it is purely a function of price. Locals pay about \$5, provided they produce a national I.D.; visitors pay \$30, something akin to our Saipan golf course fees for residents and visitors.

The local bus ride from Guilin to Yangshuo costs only \$2.50 but we decided to play tourist and joined a tour group. At first, I thought I made a grievous mistake. The small bus for about 40 people had springs problem. Seated at the back, it was not a comfortable ride at a cost of \$15. But the price allowed me to join all the tour stops and get off in Yangshuo while the other passengers paid twice for their return to Guilin at the end of the tour. The other "mistake" was our first stop, a military factory of ordnance and armory.

In a sprawling military-industrial complex (which I do not doubt is aerially monitored by our spooks), I thought we were going to get an update on the latest of armor piercing bullets, AK-47s, anti-tank and anti-helicopter portable missiles and other incendiaries, which were all pictured in living color on the walls, but I was pleasantly surprised to be ushered to a presentation in the use of the armament technology in the production of kitchen knives, shavers, and toys.

A carbon copy of my three-headed Braun rotorized electric shaver kept working after being submerged in water for 20 minutes; it was working even when thrown back into the water! The remote controlled helicopters, planes, sports cars, and trucks were impressive, but I have four grandsons and I am not sure my two daughters would welcome a whirling contraption in their living rooms. Besides, the already discounted price was still beyond my price range. And the knives? Now I know how the TV infomercials could afford to parlay their products at \$19.99. *Swords into plowshares?* Not exactly. After all, GE is a 90-percent armament corporation, though we know it mostly for its light bulbs and home appliances.

Our kindly knights, of course, warned us not to take pictures while at the factory, and other than the posters of warriors from all the services of all gender, including the third kind, I am sure, sporting the latest in automatic weapons and shoulder launched missiles, there was not much to "spy" on.

It was Yangshuo at night that inspired our awe or, to borrow the metaphors of the myst, the dragon fired up our innards, the peacock colorfully graced our demeanor, the snaky streams whetted our appetite, the imaginary Lijiang crocodiles chewed and spewed our sluggish bones, and the corcorans that guide fishers to the fish made us relish the escargot once more.

Think Garapan and Gualo Rai surrounded by a dozen of Mt. Tapochao peaks, only more pointed and taller, all spot-lit, with some crowned by a pagoda shrine, with the streets built in the direction of meandering fresh water streams. Blow holes and gushing underground rivers had long ago left caves and subterranean mazes, known to exist but happily, still undeveloped. The fresh water streams that seem to come from nowhere belie the network of water tables and aquifers that continue to keep the city streams oxygenated before spilling into the Li river.

The walking West Street mall have restaurants that look like they were set up in the sidewalk for clerics of the Vatican in Trastevere after sundown, save the lanterns are celebrative in Machu red with bold calligraphies, and the cuisine grounded in the local Zhuang and Yao tribes but also offering choices from Xizang to Dong Bei, Urumqi of Xinjiang to Haikuo of Hainan. Western and other Oriental taste buds are welcomed to ask for their preferences and it will be served. Taiwan, Malaysian, HK and Singapore Chinese are not infrequent visitors; in fact, the Guangxi karst formation is no different from those in many parts of Indochina save that the Guilin-Yangshuo axis is gentle in ambience and temperate in climate.

The lights on the mountains have a definite touch of Hollywood and Zhang Yimou's Impression a definite magnet to Western audiences, but it is unmistakable that a not too invisible hand(s) had guided this little country town into the network of back-packing global nomads that now litter many eco-tourism nooks around the world.

The natural beauty of the karst plus the offerings of varied outward-bound type of activities make Yangshuo a favored affordable destination of the globally awake generation. Saipan can learn a few lessons here, and we hope to chronicle some of them in this merry month of May.

The author, inset, marvels at the karst formations of the area along the Lijiang (Li River) in Guangxi Province.

JAIME VERGARA

We took our journey south from Guilin, the city of two rivers and four lakes to Yangshuo about 60 miles south where, by the river Li and north of the Yu Long, the celebrated orchestrator of the Beijing Olympics' opening/closing shows, movie director Zhang Yimou of the award-winning movies *The Road Home* and *Hero*, co-directed a spectacular presentation in the Li River of an indigenous Zhuang love story. The Impression lightshow in Yangshuo, one of five, is called the *Liu Sanjie*, or the Water Show, created in 2003, and acted by local players to a 2,500-capacity audience. (Similar live performances with the common title of Impression plus location were also developed at the bottom of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain in Lijiang, Yunnan, in 2006, West Lake, Hangzhou, Zhejiang in 2007, one in Hainan and another in Dahongpao, Mt. Wuji in Fujian in 2009.)

The main seats at the under-the-skies *Liu Sanjie* per-

Actress Lynn Redgrave has died at age 67

NEW YORK (AP)—Lynn Redgrave, an introspective and independent player in her family's acting dynasty who became a 1960s sensation as the unconventional title character of "Georgy Girl" and later dramatized her troubled past in such one-woman stage performances as "Shakespeare for My Father" and "Nightingale," has died. She was 67.

Her publicist Rick Miramonte, speaking on behalf of her children, said Redgrave died peacefully Sunday night at her home in Kent, Conn. Children Ben, Pema and Annabel were with her, as were close friends.

"Our beloved mother Lynn Rachel passed away peacefully after a seven year journey with breast cancer," Redgrave's children said in a statement Monday. "She lived, loved and worked harder than ever before. The endless memories she created as a mother, grandmother, writer, actor and friend will sustain us for the rest of our lives. Our entire family asks for privacy through this difficult time."

Redgrave was diagnosed with breast cancer in December 2002, had a mastectomy in January 2003 and underwent chemotherapy.

Her death comes a year after her niece Natasha Richardson died from head injuries sustained in a skiing accident and just a month after the death of her older brother, Corin Redgrave.

The youngest child of Michael Redgrave and Rachel Kempson, Lynn Redgrave never quite managed the acclaim—or notoriety—of elder sibling Vanessa Redgrave, but received Oscar nominations for "Georgy Girl" and "Gods and Monsters," and Tony nominations for "Mrs. Warren's Profession," "Shakespeare for My Father" and "The Constant Wife." In recent years, she also made appearances on TV in "Ugly Betty," "Law & Order" and "Desperate Housewives."

"Vanessa was the one expected to be the great actress," Lynn Redgrave told The Associated Press in 1999. "It was always, 'Corin's the brain, Vanessa the shining star, oh, and then there's Lynn.'"

In theater, the ruby-haired Redgrave often displayed a sunny, sweet and open personality, much like her ebullient offstage personality. It worked well in such shows as "Black Comedy"—her Broadway debut in 1972—and again two years later in "My Fat Friend," a comedy about an overweight young woman who sheds pounds to find romance.

Redgrave's play "Nightingale" at off-Broadway's Manhattan Theatre Club in 2009 was the last time she appeared on stage in New York. Lights on Broadway marquees will be dimmed Tuesday.

"She was adored by audiences, and although she embarked on a medical treatment as pre-



In this Dec. 4, 1974 file photo, actress Lynn Redgrave applies makeup prior to the bar scene at Martell's Bar during filming on location of "The Happy Hooker," in New York.

views began, she never missed a show and gave magnificent performances eight times a week," said Lynne Meadow, artistic director of MTC.

"We admired her strength, her talent, her courage and her

enormous good heart. There wasn't a stage hand, a press rep, a box office person who didn't worship Lynn. She was true theatre royalty."

Tall and blue-eyed like her sister, she was as open about

her personal life as Vanessa has been about politics. In plays and in interviews, Lynn Redgrave confided about her family, her marriage and her health. She acknowledged that she suffered from bulimia and served as a spokeswoman for Weight Watchers. With daughter Annabel Clark, she released a 2004 book about her fight with cancer, "Journal: A Mother and Daughter's Recovery From Breast Cancer."

Redgrave was born in London in 1943 and despite self-doubts pursued the family trade. She studied at London's Central School of Speech and Drama, and was not yet 20 when she debuted professionally on stage in a London production of "A Midsummer's Night Dream." Like her siblings, she appeared in plays and in films, working under Noel Coward and Laurence Olivier as a member of the National Theater and under director/brother-in-law Tony Richardson in the 1963 screen hit "Tom Jones."

"Before I was born, my father was a movie star and a stage star," the actress told the AP in 1993. "I was raised in a household where we didn't see our parents in the morning. We lived in the nursery. Our nanny made our breakfast, and I was dressed up to go downstairs to have tea with my parents, if they were there."



Country singer Chely Wright reveals she is gay

WASHINGTON (AP)—Country singer Chely Wright is the latest celebrity to come out.

Wright tells People she's gay and that nothing in her life has been more magical than the moment she decided to reveal her sexuality.

The 39-year-old says she experienced a community in

which homosexuality was shunned and she "hid everything" for her music.

Wright is releasing her memoir, "Like Me," and her new album, "Lifted Off the Ground," this week.

An e-mail sent to Wright's record label wasn't immediately returned Monday.

In this May 26, 2004 file photo, Chely Wright performs at the 2004 All-Star Jam party following the 39th annual Academy of Country Music Awards at the Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino in Las Vegas.

Rep says Berry and Aubry split 'some time ago'

NEW YORK (AP)—A representative for Halle Berry says the actress has broken up with model Gabriel Aubry.

Publicist Meredith O'Sullivan says in an e-mail Monday that Berry and Aubry "split some time ago."

The statement says the couple remain close friends and are committed to their 2-year-old daughter, Nahla.

The 43-year-old Berry won a best actress Oscar for the 2001 film "Monster's Ball." Other screen credits also include "Die Another Day" and the "X-Men" films.

In this Feb. 22, 2009 file photo, actress Halle Berry, right, and Gabriel Aubry arrive at the Vanity Fair Oscar party in West Hollywood, Calif.



Victim of herpes infection feels consumed by anger

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I recently got genital herpes. I am very depressed over it and am experiencing a lot of difficulties, not to mention the expense.

The man I caught the virus from, "Jack," claims he didn't know he had herpes. I don't know what to believe, except that I should be compensated. My life has been destroyed. I hate the fact that this happened and, to top it off, Jack has changed his phone number! Is this a criminal act? Should I take action?

OUTRAGED IN MISSOURI

DEAR OUTRAGED: Please do not allow having herpes to define who you are. Your life has not been "destroyed." You contracted a virus, as millions of other Americans have. While inconvenient, it is not the end of the world. What you need is emotional support, and it's as near as your computer. There are support groups for people who have herpes—just Google "herpes support groups-USA" and you'll find groups galore.

As to whether to take legal action against "Jack," please remember that lawsuits can be expensive. And to determine whether he knew he had herpes at the time he was involved with you, you would have to get a hold of his medical records—which could be complicated. Your time and money would be better spent in other ways than looking backward, and that's what I recommend.

DEAR ABBY: I am 35 years old and the mother of two children. The oldest is 4 and my little one just turned 1.

My mother-in-law had gastric bypass surgery two years ago. She lost a lot of weight and looks great, having gone from a size 16 to a size 4.

My problem is the comments she makes about my weight in the presence of others. For example, "Do you see that 'Cate' is so big-boned and I am so petite?" It hurts, and I don't know what to do about it. What can I say to her the next time she says something like that?

"CATE" IN OKLAHOMA CITY

DEAR "CATE": Don't wait for your mother-in-law to say something about your weight in front of others. Tell her clearly, in advance, that her comparisons are hurtful and you want them stopped immediately. And if she doesn't comply, the next time she does it, smile and say, "We can all see that you're petite and I'm not, but I'll always be younger."

DEAR ABBY: Early this year, my mother went to the curb to collect the empty trash bin and put it away for the week. As she wheeled it behind her home, she slipped on the ice and broke her hip. She lives alone and was in the back of her property where nobody could see or hear her.

Fortunately, she'd had the foresight to grab her cell phone before she went outside. Because she was unable to stand up she could have frozen to death. She called 911 and within minutes an ambulance arrived to take her to the hospital.

Mom had surgery to repair the hip and is recovering, but it was a close call. This is a reminder to your readers that if they live alone—or have parents who do—to make sure to have a cell phone available at all times.

RELIEVED SON IN ELKHART, IND.

DEAR RELIEVED SON: I'm pleased to pass along your important message. Your mother did, indeed, have a close call. It must have been her guardian angel who handed her her cell phone as she left the house that wintry day. Please tell her I said so and that I hope she's better soon.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Good advice for everyone—teens to seniors—is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$6 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby—Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

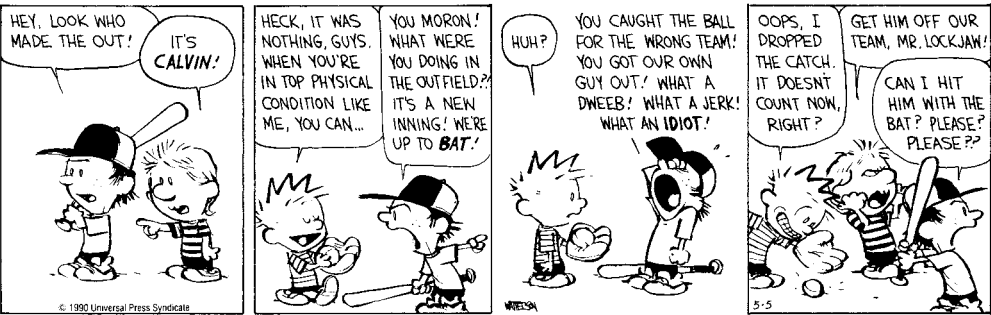
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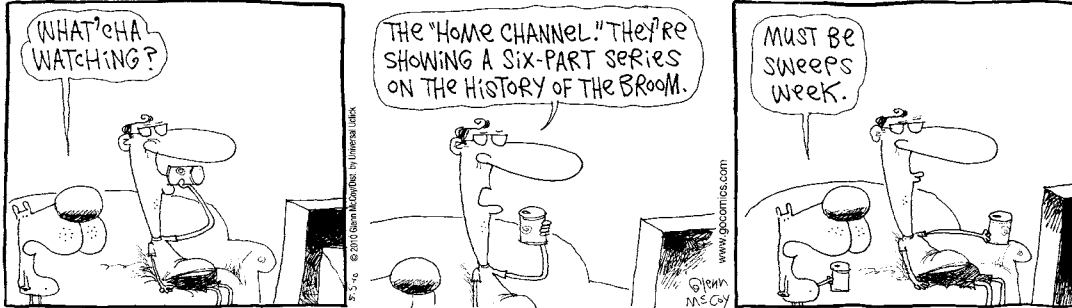
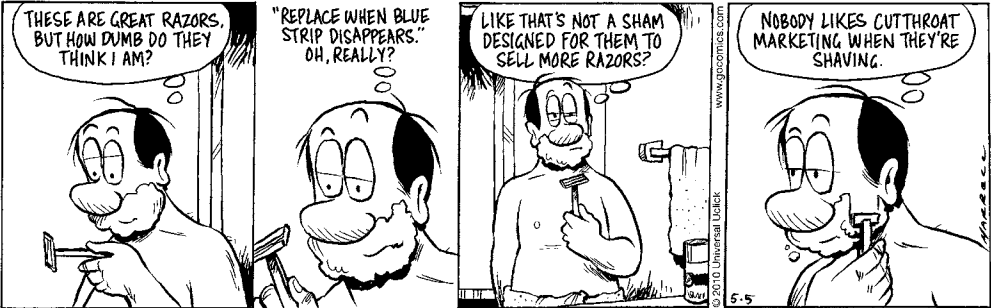


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By Bryan Basset

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By Eugene Sheffer

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Solution time: 21 mins.

Yesterday's answer 5-5

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Craig David, 29; Henry Cavill, 27; Danielle Fishel, 29; Richard E. Grant, 53

Happy Birthday: Don't be too sure of yourself or you will make a costly mistake. Much can be accomplished if you are diligent about why and how you do things. You must take action and address every detail so you receive the credit you deserve. Don't fall short this year because someone has let you down personally. Your numbers are 6, 13, 21, 25, 32, 40, 47

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take the edge off your stress by doing something physically challenging or that can boost your confidence. Interacting with people who offer a different slant on things will help you formulate new plans with greater potential for success. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): An emotional matter that revolves around home and family will raise issues that need to be addressed. Decide what's important to you and what you must discard in order to ease tension and keep things amicable. **

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Inconsistency and uncertainty are the enemies. Don't let anger or someone's discontent sway you from what you know in your heart must be done. This is the time to think, make your plans, do your own thing and discover what life has to offer you. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Show stability by sticking to your plans and following through with promises. Older and younger people in your life will be counting on you and you mustn't let them down, no matter

what. Avoid overspending. *** LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll be inclined to react harshly toward anyone who disagrees with you. Emotional issues will be raised and can lead to an argument as easily as to a passionate encounter. The outcome will be directly linked to the way you deal with the suggestions made. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Productive projects with moneymaking potential should be on your agenda. Proper diet and regular exercise should be implemented into your everyday routine. Keep a close watch over what everyone around you is contributing. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): This is the perfect day to contribute to your emotional well-being. Don't let someone else's uncertainty cause you to miss out on something you really want to do. You'll enhance your love life if you are playful and experimental. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Avoid people who withhold information or use emotional ultimatums. Stand up for what you want. It's not worth holding on to a relationship that is all take and no give. Back away from anyone who won't meet you halfway. **

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Fact finding will be in your best interest, especially when it has to do with legal, financial or medical issues. A new friendship can turn into a financially worthwhile connection if you share knowledge. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Wor-rying about a money matter won't save you from loss but making an unexpected

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move will. Set up a budget that will help you deter anyone from trying to talk you out of your cash. Put your money into your home or an investment property. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Nothing will be easy for you if you let your emotions take over. Don't try to push others or put too much pressure on getting things done. You need time to think matters through and to figure out what to do next. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): If you don't have any expectations, you won't be disappointed. Rely on your own abilities to get you through the day. Depending on others will lead to dissatisfaction. Delays will cause uncertainty and a need to rethink your next move. ***

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive and inventive, aggressive and proactive. You like to be where the action is and will always add your thoughts and suggestions.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Saturday's SUDOKU Answer

6	1	9	3	2	7	5	8	4
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9	8	5	2	3	4	7	6	1
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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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MARIANA ISLANDS**

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Petitioner,)	ACTION
)	NO. 09-0723
vs.)	
)	SUMMONS
MARILYN R.)	
AGUIRRE-VILLALUZ,)	
Respondent.)	

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Petition for Divorce which is given you herewith, within thirty (30) days after service of this Summons upon you.

YOUR ANSWER SHOULD BE IN WRITING and filed with the Clerk of Court, Guma' Hustisia, Iimlaw Aweewee, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950 and served upon petitioner's counsel, Atty. Joe Hill, P.O. Box 500917, Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Divorce.

By order of the above Court:

Dated this 30th day of December, 2009.

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court
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ERMINA B. QUINTANA)	
)	
Respondent.)	
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TO: RESPONDENT, ERMINA B. QUINTANA

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to appear and defend the claims presented in this Petition for Divorce, a copy of which is given you herewith, within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons upon you and deliver or mail a copy of your Responsive Pleading to the Petitioner's counsel whose address is at Thompson Law Office, LLC, 2nd Floor JET Building, PMB 917, Box 10001 Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practicable after filing your Responsive Pleading.

Your Responsive Pleading to the Petition for Divorce should be in writing and filed with the clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan, CNMI. It may be prepared and signed by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by electronic filing or by messenger or mail. It is not necessary to appear personally until further notice.

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Rondo has 19 assists, Celtics tie series with Cavs



CLEVELAND (AP)—LeBron James better make sure his new MVP trophy isn't missing. The Boston Celtics stole everything else.

Rajon Rondo tied a team playoff record with 19 assists, Ray Allen scored 22 points and the Celtics, playing with renewed confidence and looking very dangerous despite their years, opened a 25-point lead in the fourth and then survived Cleveland's comeback for a 104-86 victory on Monday night to even their semifinal series at 1-1.

An underdog coming in, the Celtics left town with a split.

"We did everything we set out to do," Allen said. "We've talked all year about closing out games. When we do that, we're pretty good."

After blowing an 11-point lead in the third quarter of Game 1, the Celtics almost squandered a much bigger one. They led 91-66 with 9:08 left before the Cavaliers, who have been outplayed in both games, scored 15 straight and pulled within 93-83 on James' basket with 3:13 left.

Boston, though, closed with an 11-3 spurt and then packed up and headed home for Friday's Game 3 thinking it can oust the Cavs.

"They believe," Cleveland's Antawn Jamison said.

James, who seemed to be favoring his injured right elbow, scored 24 and Jamison 16 for Cleveland, outscored 31-12 in the third.

"I'm going to continue to try to be the player I am and not use this elbow as an excuse," James said. "I'd never use an injury as an excuse. It's just two games. I understand the burden and the pain Cleveland fans have. I don't feel pressure at all. I'm looking forward to Game 3."

The Celtics seemed in control with their 25-point bulge, but they got complacent and found themselves having to scramble down the stretch when they could have been resting their starters. Boston went nearly six minutes without scoring.

"I don't know that we handled it very well," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. "We were stuck on 91 for what felt like an hour. I kept telling our guys the clock was still moving. I kept telling them we just need one bucket. We need one guy to make a shot and it loosens back up."

Up 93-83, the Celtics finally regrouped. Rondo and Allen scored, then Kevin Garnett completed a three-point play to make it 100-84, allowing Rivers to relax after watching his club play inspired ball most of the way before



Boston Celtics' Rajon Rondo (9) tries to drive between Cleveland Cavaliers' Antawn Jamison, left, and Shaquille O'Neal in the fourth quarter of Game 1 in the second round of an NBA basketball playoff series Saturday, May 1, 2010, in Cleveland.

letting up.

Garnett finished with 18 points and 10 rebounds, and Paul Pierce scored 14.

Rasheed Wallace, called out by Rivers after a lousy opener, added 17 points off the bench as the Celtics stripped the Cavaliers of home-court advantage in the series and gave them four days to think about what went wrong.

Two years removed from their 17th

NBA title, the Celtics were given little chance of getting past James and the top-seeded Cavs. Despite beating Miami in the first round, Boston was thought to be too old, too slow and too reliant on the aging Big Three of Allen, Garnett and Pierce.

But the trio combined for 54 points with Rondo, the Celtics' jitterbugging point guard, setting them up with passes from impossible angles. Rondo

matched the club's postseason record for assists first set by Hall of Famer Bob Cousy.

"I give credit to my teammates, they made the shots," Rondo said. "I tried to give them as easy looks as possible."

Allen said the Celtics bought into some of the criticism that they were past their prime and their championship window had closed.

"I think people said it to try and jab at us," Allen said. "We heard it on the road and from our own media at home. But we didn't worry about it. I saw guys come to the gym every single day getting their shots up, working on their bodies. Everybody was ready for the challenge."

Mo Williams, who scored 20 and led the Cavs' Game 1 comeback, had just four on 1-of-9 shooting.

Afterward, Cleveland coach Mike Brown tore into his players.

"We did not fight back until late," a livid Brown said, his voice rising. "We've gotta decide if we're going to take the fight to them and take these games. Nothing is going to be given to us at all. Ain't a ... damn thing going to be given to us at all in this series."

"We've got to fight better than what we did tonight. Coming from behind in the first game, coming from behind in the second game, that's not good enough. That's not good enough for me or anybody in that locker room. If we expect to win that series, we've gotta bring more of a sense of urgency than what we brought tonight. Plain and simple they kicked our behinds."

Up by four at halftime, the Celtics wasted no time pushing their lead to double digits in the third.

Pierce and Allen hit 3-pointers, and with James tentative—perhaps because of the elbow—and the Cavaliers unable to get anything going on offense or contain Rondo, the Celtics' lead ballooned to 74-57 on Kendrick Perkins' basket underneath.

At that point, Cavaliers forward Anderson Varejao showed his frustration by blatantly slamming into Allen on a

baseline drive. Boston's guard was sent sprawling and Varejao was assessed a flagrant foul. Allen split the free throws, but on Boston's next trip, he drained a 3-pointer from deep in the corner to make it 78-57.

Anthony Parker threw up his hands in disgust as the Cavs were unable to stop the Celtics' surge.

The Cavs weren't done, though. James finally shifted into attack mode, and Cleveland held Boston without a field goal for 5:39 as the Cavs crept back into it.

But Pierce's basket with 3:29 ended the Celtics' long dry spell and Boston managed to do enough to prevent a historic meltdown.

James was presented with his second straight MVP trophy before the game by NBA commissioner David Stern, who would like to see the superstar resign in Cleveland since it would validate the spirit of the collective bargaining agreement he helped negotiate.

However, James didn't appear to be himself, and in the third quarter he looked over at Cleveland's bench and complained about his elbow.

He's got more to think about now.

Suns 111, Spurs 103

At Phoenix, there would be no Game 1 heartbreak for Phoenix against the San Antonio Spurs. Not this time.

After resting his sore hip for three days, Steve Nash had 33 points and 10 assists, and the Suns fought off third- and fourth-quarter rallies to beat the Spurs 111-102 Monday night in the opener of their Western Conference semifinal series.

Jason Richardson scored 27 and Amare Stoudemire had 23 points and 13 rebounds for the Suns.

Manu Ginobili, tape across his broken nose, scored 27, Tony Parker 26 and Tim Duncan 20 for the Spurs, who had won four straight Game 1s against the Suns, two of them in Phoenix. Both of those times, in 2005 and 2007, the Spurs went on to win the NBA title.

Stern hopes James stays with Cavs

CLEVELAND (AP)—NBA commissioner David Stern knows Cleveland fans are anxious about this summer and LeBron James' pending free agency. He is rooting for the same outcome as Cavaliers fans.

"Hopefully he'll stay," Stern said Monday before Game 2 between Cleveland and Boston in the Eastern Conference semifinals. "That's the way the system is designed."

Stern helped negotiate the current collective bargaining agreement, which provides teams the ability to pay more and add an extra year for their own free agents. Stern is hopeful that will allow teams such as

Cleveland to retain its stars.

"That's the way it should be," Stern said. "It allows teams to keep their own players."

Stern awarded James his second straight MVP award on Monday. He is aware of the attention dedicated to this summer, but doesn't want it to steal the spotlight away from the rest of the postseason or this summer's draft. Free agency doesn't begin until July 1.

"We do have this thing called the finals," Stern said, "and we have some great playoff games left."

Stern called James an "extraordinary" talent before giving the trophy shortly before tip-off to James, who won in a

landslide vote announced Sunday. James is the 10th player in league history to win two straight MVP awards.

With the crowd doing its customary "M-V-P!" chant, James thanked his teammates and then reminded the 20,000-plus fans that his goal is to win a championship this season.

During a news conference, Stern said he is amazed at how James can shoot halfcourt shots with a simple flick of his wrist.

"I don't know how he shoots the ball so far so easily," Stern said. "You get the sense if you wanted to play H-O-R-S-E with him and it was a halfcourt line, he'd shoot 50 percent."

NBA BRIEFS

Riley gets extension from Heat

MIAMI (AP)—The summer of change for the Miami Heat might be even bigger than anyone imagined. Heat president Pat Riley wouldn't close the door Monday on resuming his Hall of Fame coaching career, even after insisting when he retired two years ago that he was "definitely sure that I don't want to do this anymore." It seems, at minimum, that's no longer a definite. And the Heat offseason just got a bit more intriguing. "I'll do whatever is in the best interest of building the team here. Period," Riley said at his end-of-season availability. "Whatever it takes, OK? I'll let you fill in the blanks. ... If some free agent were to say 'I will come here but you must do this,' well, hell, if that happens that day, then I might have to give it some thought." Riley hand-picked longtime assistant Erik Spoelstra to take over two years ago, and Spoelstra has not only won 90 regular-season games since getting the job, but led the Heat to the playoffs twice. Miami exited in the first round both times as the No. 5 seed, but Riley said Monday that he thought Spoelstra "had a great year."

Del Negro out as Bulls coach

CHICAGO (AP)—The Chicago Bulls fired coach Vinny Del Negro on Monday in a long anticipated move that comes after a late-season altercation with executive vice president of basketball operations John Paxson and another first-round playoff exit. General manager Gar Forman is scheduled to discuss the firing at a news conference on Tuesday morning. He did not return messages seeking comment, nor did Paxson or Del Negro. The Bulls went 41-41 and made the postseason in each of their two seasons under Del Negro, losing to LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers in five games after pushing Boston to seven games last year. If the Bulls are looking to hire an experienced coach this time, Doug Collins, Byron Scott, Lawrence Frank, Kevin McHale, Maurice Cheeks would fit that description. Del Negro reportedly met with the organization's hierarchy over the past few days, including chairman Jerry Reinsdorf, and made an argument to keep his job. He could point to Derrick Rose's development from Rookie of the Year to an All-Star this season and Joakim Noah's improvement, but it was not enough and it's hardly a surprise.

Blue Jays' Cecil flirts with perfect game in win



CLEVELAND

(AP)—Brett Cecil took a perfect game into the seventh inning for the Toronto Blue Jays before settling for a 5-1 victory over the Cleveland Indians on Monday.

The left-hander allowed one hit over eight innings, striking out a career-high 10.

Cecil (2-1) lost the perfect game when he walked Grady Sizemore with one out in the seventh. He then walked Choo Shin-soo but came back to strike out Austin Kearns before Jhonny Peralta lined a 2-2 pitch to left field, scoring Sizemore to get Cleveland within 4-1.

Kevin Gregg gave up a one-out single to Sizemore in the ninth. He walked Kearns with two outs, then fired a called third strike past Peralta on a full count to complete the two-hitter.

Jose Bautista's two-run homer put Toronto ahead in the second. Travis Snider hit his fourth of the year in the fourth and John Buck connected for his fourth in the eighth to make it 5-1.

Red Sox 17, Angels 8

At Boston, Dustin Pedroia's three-run homer capped Boston's seven-run sixth inning in a win over Los Angeles.

Bill Hall and Adrian Beltre each hit their first homers in a Red Sox uniform, both two-run shots, and Kevin Youkilis had a solo blast.

Boston snapped a three-game losing streak after getting swept by Baltimore over the weekend.

Clay Buchholz (3-2) gave up four runs and eight hits in 5 2-3 innings.

The Red Sox built a 5-0 lead with three runs in the second and two in the third off Joe Saunders (1-5).

Mike Lowell went 4 for 4 with four RBIs and three doubles for Boston, and J. D. Drew had four hits and drove in three runs.

Maicer Izturis hit a two-run double for Los Angeles.

Yankees 4, Orioles 1

At New York, CC Sabathia pitched eight strong innings and Randy Winn hit a three-run homer to lead New York past Baltimore.

Sabathia (4-1) allowed one run—Matt Wieters' second-inning homer—and six hits while improving to 11-1 in 16 career starts against Baltimore.

Alex Rodriguez singled and scored during a four-run fourth in his return to the lineup after a day off, but catcher Jorge Posada left after five innings with right calf tightness. The extent of the injury was unclear, but the Yankees announced he was to undergo an MRI on Monday night.

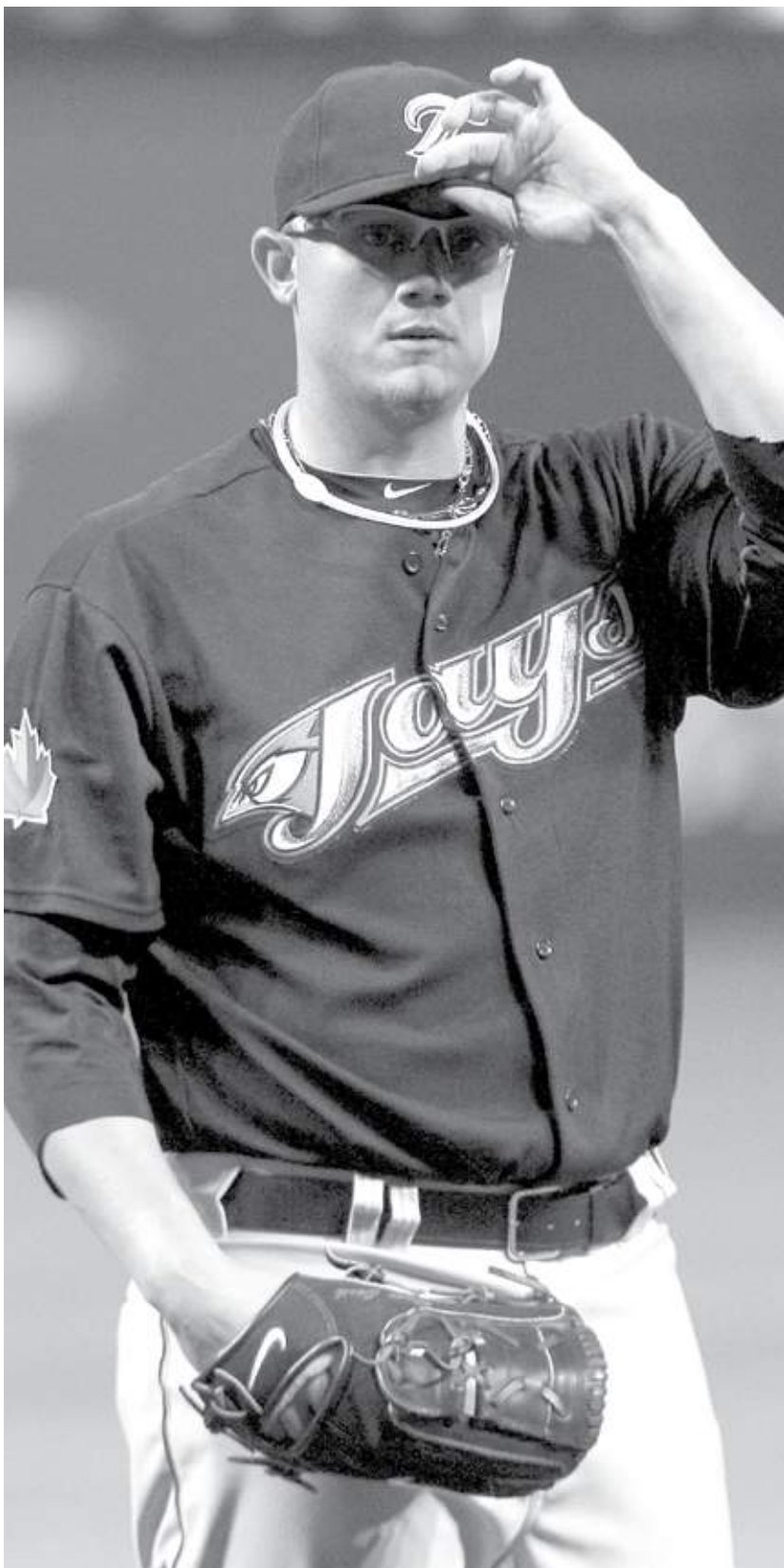
Twins 10, Tigers 4

At Minneapolis, Wilson Ramos had three more hits in Joe Mauer's place and Michael Cuddyer added a three-run homer as Minnesota snapped Detroit's five-game winning streak.

Ramos had two doubles and an RBI and Scott Baker (3-2) allowed three runs and seven hits with six strikeouts in seven innings for the Twins.

Detroit starter Max Scherzer (1-2) gave up 10 runs and eight hits with four walks in 4 1-3 innings.

Austin Jackson had three hits to raise his average to .377, but the Twins were up 7-0 after two innings against Scherzer, who has given up 18 hits and 16 runs in his last two



Toronto Blue Jays starting pitcher Brett Cecil reacts after giving up consecutive walks to Cleveland Indians' Grady Sizemore and Shin-Soo Choo, ending his perfect game in the seventh inning of a baseball game Monday, May 3, 2010, in Cleveland. AP

starts against Minnesota.

Mauer missed his third straight game with a bruised left heel. Ramos

was called up to play against Cleveland on Sunday and became the first catcher in modern baseball history

(since 1900) to collect four hits in his major league debut, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

White Sox 5, Royals 1

At Chicago, Jake Peavy pitched seven-plus shutout innings in his most impressive start of the season and Alex Rios had three hits and two RBIs for Chicago.

Peavy (1-2) struck out a season-high nine and gave up four hits. He didn't allow a hit until Mitch Maier singled with two outs in the fifth.

Ramirez hit a solo home run and Andruw Jones had two hits and two RBIs for the White Sox, who began a seven-game homestand after finishing a 2-4 road trip Sunday.

Scott Podsednik homered against his former team in the ninth inning off reliever Scott Linebrink, snapping a 17-inning scoreless streak for the Royals.

Rangers 4, Athletics 2

At Oakland, California, Rich Harden struck out a season-high nine batters in seven scoreless innings and dominated his former team as first-place Texas won its season-best fourth straight game.

Harden (2-1), who spent his first 5 1/2 big league seasons with the A's, didn't allow a hit until Rajai Davis' one-out double in the sixth. He gave up two hits in all and didn't walk a batter for the first time in his six starts.

Justin Smoak homered, Michael Young had an RBI double, Josh Hamilton singled in a run and Ryan Garko added an RBI groundout in the Rangers' fifth straight road win.

Reds 3, Mets 2

At Cincinnati, Laynce Nix hit a solo, pinch-hit homer in the bottom of the 11th inning to power Cincinnati to a victory over the New York Mets.

Nix hit a drive off Manny Acosta (1-1) that barely cleared the wall in right-center field with one out for his first career game-ending homer.

Nick Masset (3-1) pitched the last two innings, giving up two singles in the 11th. Then, the Reds pulled out another one at the end — eight of their 13 wins have come in their final at-bat. They are 3-0 in extra innings.

Drew Stubbs also homered for the Reds, leading off the first inning with the first one allowed by Oliver Perez this season. Joey Votto had an RBI single off the left-hander, who lasted

six innings and remained winless in six starts since Aug. 18.

Cardinals 6, Phillies 3

At Philadelphia, Jaime Garcia allowed one run in six innings, David Freese had three RBIs and Nick Stavinotha homered for St. Louis.

Garcia (3-1), a rookie left-hander, gave up three hits and struck out six.

Stavinotha delivered a pinch-hit homer leading off the seventh against Joe Blanton (0-1) and Freese added a bases-loaded double.

Jayson Werth hit a solo shot for the Phillies and has reached base in all 25 games this season.

Kyle McClellan yielded one run in two innings of relief for the Cardinals. Trevor Miller allowed Chase Utley's solo homer in the ninth to make it 6-3 and Ryan Franklin recorded the last two outs.

Diamondbacks 9, Astros 1

At Houston, Cesar Valdez won his major league debut and Chris Snyder hit a three-run homer to lead Arizona past Houston.

Chris Young had three hits and drove in three runs for the Diamondbacks, who snapped a three-game losing streak and sent Houston to its seventh straight defeat.

Valdez (1-0) was called up from minor league Triple-A Reno on Monday and allowed one run in five innings. He gave up five hits and walked three.

Snyder's two-out shot in the fourth gave Arizona a 4-1 lead.

Rockies 3, Padres 2

At San Diego, Ubaldo Jimenez struck out a career-high 13, became the first six-game winner in the majors this season and hit an RBI single to lead the Colorado Rockies to a win over the NL West-leading San Diego Padres.

The hard-throwing Jimenez (6-0) held the Padres to one run and four hits in seven innings. He was making his third start since throwing the first no-hitter in franchise history, at Atlanta on April 17. He walked two.

He retired the last nine batters he faced, striking out five of the final six. His ERA rose from a major league-leading 0.79 to 0.87, dropping him into a tie with Livan Hernandez of the Washington Nationals.

Agent: Safety Darren Sharper returning to Saints



NEW ORLEANS

(AP)—All-Pro safety Darren Sharper is returning to New Orleans for a chance to repeat as Super Bowl champion in 2010.

"He's real motivated to win another Super Bowl," said Sharper's agent, Joel Segal. "It's rare to have that opportunity and he's very excited."

Saints general manager Mickey Loomis also confirmed in an e-mail that Sharper had agreed to terms for one more season. He did not disclose financial terms.

Sharper said in a text message to The Associated Press: "Just wanna tell you I'm extremely happy to be a Saint again. Now we can work on winning another world championship for the city of New Orleans."

The 34-year-old Sharper intercepted

nine passes last season, returning three for touchdowns, and helped the Saints win their first Super Bowl. His total of 376 interception return yards set new NFL single-season high, breaking the mark of 358 yards set by Baltimore's Ed Reed in 2004. Sharper leads all active NFL players in interceptions with 63, a career total that places him in a tie with Ronnie Lott for sixth on the all-time list. His 11 career interception returns for TDs ranks second to Rod Woodson's 12. Sharper's 1,412 career interception return yards ranks second to Woodson's 1,483.

Sharper was hoping for a multiple year deal, but his negotiating position appeared to weaken when he had minor arthroscopic surgery after the Super Bowl to alleviate swelling in his left knee that bothered him intermittently during the second half of the season.

He talked with other clubs, including Jacksonville last week, before deciding on Monday to remain in New Orleans, where he made several offseason appearances to soak in post-Super Bowl celebrations.

"We have said since the end of the season that we would love to have Darren back in a Saints uniform for 2010 and I'm glad we've been able to make that happen," Loomis said. "Darren was an integral part of our Super Bowl-winning team and we look forward to having him back."

Soon after agreeing to terms, Sharper posted a note on his Twitter account, reading: "To the entire WHO-DAT Nation, guess what? I'M BAACKK!"

Sharper will be entering his 14th season out of William & Mary. He spent his first eight NFL season with Green Bay, which drafted him in the

second round in 1997. He then played four seasons at Minnesota before joining New Orleans last season.

The agreement represented a fresh dose of good news for the Saints, who for the past few days have been dealing with the fallout from a civil lawsuit alleging the team covered up the theft of Vicodin prescription pills by a senior staff member at the team's training headquarters.

The Saints have denied those allegations, but the Drug Enforcement Administration confirmed to The Associated Press on Sunday night that the agency was aware of the allegations and that an investigation was pending.

The civil suit, seeking damages and back pay, was filed by a former security director who claims he was compelled to resign because of the team's handling of the Vicodin episode.

Oleai Snipers lead in Masters Division



Oleai Snipers are currently leading the pack in the Masters Division of the Spring Season of the 2010 Saipan Electronic Dart Association.

In 170 games played so far, Snipers have recorded 128 wins as against 42 losses. The VFW Angry Dragons are in second with 112 wins and 58 losses, while D’Pirates-Black Stallions are in third with 110 wins and 60 losses.

In the A-Division, Gaia Punishers ahead in first place with 106 wins and 64 losses, the Tijuana A-Destroyers are in second with 98 wins and 72 losses, and the D’Pirates-Bud Brothers are in

third with 89 wins and 81 losses.

Wild Bill’s Naughty Boyz share the lead with Johnny’s Walastic in the Tuesdays Division with identical 100-50 win-loss records. The D’Pirates-B-Destroyers are in second with a 90-60 card.

In the B-Thursday Flame Tree, the D’Pirates-Pu3ska Brothers are in first with 103 wins and 47 losses, Johnny’s Trouble Shooters are in second with 91 wins and 59 losses, and VFW-No Fear is tied for third with Gaiana-B, as they both have 76 wins and 74 losses.

In the B-Thursday Fanihi Division, the Tijuana CK Destroyers are in first place with 95 wins and 55 losses, The Flair-Salut

Balut is in second with 84 wins and 66 losses, and in third with still 15 more games to play are Sande’s Naughty Boyz with 82 wins and 53 losses so far.

Snickers Barracuda is leading the Kingfisher C-Division with 91 wins and 59 losses. Team D’Pirates-Shootz resides in second with 83 wins and 67 losses and the D’Pirates-Lucky Shots-C are in third with 75 wins and 75 losses.

In the Chichirika C-Division, the D’Pirates-Black Pearls are out in front with 96 wins and 54 losses, the D’Pirates-Sang and the Gang are in second with 86 wins and 64 losses, and VFW-One Shot is in third with 80 wins and 70 losses.

In the Ladies League, the D’Pirates-B-52 Shooters are comfortably in first with 99 wins and 51 losses, Yakau is

in second with 78 wins and 72 losses, and the D-Pirates-Mama Snipers are in third with 73 wins and 77 losses.

For more information, contact SEDA secretary Ray A. Pinangay at 233-4397. *(Walter J. Sutherland)*

FIELDERS

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Ryan Ada singled Maratita in before Ada got picked off at second base.

With two outs in the bottom of the seventh, Aughenbaugh was relieved on the mound by lefty Shane Mendiola to close the last out of the inning.

Later, the Falcons would get one run back in the bottom of the eighth. Camacho led off and reached off an error and Mike Pangelinan singled in Camacho, but this time it was the Fielders who recovered defensively, es-

caping the inning just as the Falcons load up their bases.

The score was 4-3 Fielders at the top of the ninth and Maritita led off for the Fielders with a single just before Mendiola reached off an error. Two strikeouts later, Jason Reyes came through with a big RBI single that brought in Maratita. Mendiola later scored off a passed ball, which brought the score to 6-3 Fielders with only three more outs to go in the game.

In the bottom half, the Falcons brought the drama. Ninth batter Josh Jones led off with a walk and Tenorio reached with a base hit. Camacho came up next and

busted a huge two RBI single that brought home Jones and Tenorio with zero outs. Camacho went on to steal two bases and was just 90 feet from putting the game into extra innings, but the Falcons could not get him to the plate and the playoff series came to a close.

Reyes and Maratita batted 2-for-5 with two runs for the Fielders.

Stand out performances for the Falcons included Tenorio and Camacho who both batted 2-for-5 with two runs. Camacho also produced two “clutch” RBIs for the Falcons in their losing effort.

AON

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marks, but the former will win the tiebreak due to its 84-81 victory over the latter in the regular season. A Fiesta Resort loss will put Mobil to No. 3 and Aqua to No. 4.

TBK could have forced a four-way tie with Fiesta, Mobil, and Aqua Resort for third to fourth place in the team standings had it did not play too complacent against AON midway in the final canto.

TBK was still ahead by nine, 75-66, with 5:23 left in the fourth quarter when Leo Factor anchored an AON 10-0 run to grab the lead, 76-75, with 2:13 remaining in the game.

A Kae Bernardo jumper temporarily stopped the bleeding for TBK, but a pair of free

throws from Marlon De Dios put AON back in the lead, 78-77. TBK grabbed the upper hand, again on Christian De Vero’s jumper, 79-78, but not for long, as Bon Tamayo canned a triple for AON’s 81-79 advantage.

With less than a minute left, De Vero drilled another jumper to tie the match. In AON’s ensuing play, Tamayo was forced to pull up for a trey with the 24-second shot clock almost off. His shot hit the left side of the board and Jun Pantaleon colared the rebound and attempted for a fastbreak play.

However, TBK lost possession when Pantaleon collided with Tamayo and the former’s pass to the streaking Raymark Castro near midcourt was intercepted by Jorge De Guzman.

Then Tamayo, who incidentally teamed up with

most of TBK players in other leagues, delivered the dagger to his former teammates, canning a banked floater from the right key.

With 12 seconds left and AON ahead, 83-81, TBK hurriedly sprinted to its frontcourt with De Vero pulling up for a left baseline 10-footer. The ball went in and out, and Castro grabbed the offensive rebound, pulled up for a shot, but overshot his mark. There was a battle for the loose ball as time expired, handing AON its fifth win in 11 games.

McGraw-Hill 75, Cell Pro 72

In the first game, McGraw-Hill claimed back-to-back wins and improved to an even 6-6 mark after a 75-72 victory over Cellular Pro.

Cell Pro bowed out of competition winless in 14 games.

The McGraw-Hill-Cell Pro tiff on Monday was a continuation of their rain-halted match on March 3. The game was suspended at the 1:47 mark of the first period with McGraw-Hill on top, 11-9.

When the match resumed, the two teams still engaged in a close game with McGraw-Hill outclassing Cell Pro, which bungled its chances to send the game in overtime due to a poor shot selection.

McGraw-Hill’s lead remained at three points, 75-72, after Flaviano Hideo missed both free throws. Cell Pro grabbed the rebound and must make a triple in the last eight seconds of the game to force overtime. However, Roy Hernandez opted for a layup and missed as time expired.

First Game

McGraw Hill 75 – Mendiola 29, Mendez 13, Villagomez 10, Cabrera 10, Guerrero 6, Buniag 5, Diaz 2.

Cell Pro 72 – Hernandez 22, Dulfio 14, Rotap 12, Mongami 10, J. Loste 9, G. Loste 4.

Scoring by quarters: 11-11, 28-34, 53-44, 75-72.

Second Game

AON/NJ Pro Plus 83 – Factor 32, De Dios 15, Tamayo 15, de Guzman 12, Catalla 7, Pantola 2.

TBK 81 – Castro 23, Pantaleon 21, Bernardo 20, De Vero 9, Pangilinan 4, Capalad 4.

Scoring by quarters: 24-17, 39-45, 56-61, 83-81.



TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA LEADERS

Scoring

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Wade, MIA	5	62	27	166	33.2
James, CLE	6	67	44	194	32.3
Anthony, DEN	6	64	50	184	30.7
Rose, CHI	5	57	18	134	26.8
Nowitzki, DAL	6	58	40	160	26.7
Williams, UTA	7	50	64	179	25.6
Durant, OKC	6	43	54	150	25.0
Bryant, LAL	7	61	38	172	24.6
Nelson, ORL	4	30	23	95	23.8
Richardson, PHX	6	49	21	141	23.5
Boozer, UTA	7	69	15	153	21.9
Johnson, ATL	7	60	20	146	20.9
Stoudemire, PHX	6	46	31	123	20.5
Westbrook, OKC	6	43	32	123	20.5
Billups, DEN	6	37	37	122	20.3
Butler, DAL	6	43	25	118	19.7
Aldridge, POR	6	40	33	114	19.0
Ginobili, SAN	6	35	34	114	19.0
Gasol, LAL	7	50	33	133	19.0
Deng, CHI	5	37	19	94	18.8

FG Percentage

	FG	FGA	PCT
Thomas, CHA	15	24	.625
Millsap, UTA	49	85	.576
Boozer, UTA	69	120	.575
Bynum, LAL	35	62	.565
Wade, MIA	62	110	.564
Horford, ATL	47	84	.560
James, CLE	67	121	.554
Nowitzki, DAL	58	106	.547
Gasol, LAL	50	92	.543
Stoudemire, PHX	46	85	.541

Rebounds

	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Boozer, UTA	7	22	70	92	13.1
Noah, CHI	5	20	45	65	13.0
Gasol, LAL	7	23	62	85	12.1
Camby, POR	6	16	44	60	10.0
Horford, ATL	7	20	49	69	9.9
Millsap, UTA	7	20	48	68	9.7
Jos. Smith, ATL	7	23	45	68	9.7
Duncan, SAN	6	16	41	57	9.5
Howard, ORL	4	13	24	37	9.3
Bynum, LAL	7	19	45	64	9.1

Assists

	G	AST	AVG
Williams, UTA	7	76	10.9
Rondo, BOS	6	63	10.5
Nash, PHX	6	59	9.8
James, CLE	6	48	8.0
Rose, CHI	5	36	7.2
Kidd, DAL	6	42	7.0
Wade, MIA	5	34	6.8
Billups, DEN	6	38	6.3
Westbrook, OKC	6	36	6.0
Miller, POR	6	35	5.8

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	18	7	.720	—
New York	17	8	.680	1
Toronto	14	13	.519	5

Boston

Baltimore

12

7

.462

.269

6 1/2

11 1/2

Central Division

Minnesota	17	9	.654	—
Detroit	16	11	.593	1 1/2
Chicago	11	15	.423	6
Cleveland	10	15	.400	6 1/2
Kansas City	10	16	.385	7

West Division

Texas	14	12	.538	—
Oakland	13	14	.481	1 1/2
Los Angeles	12	15	.444	2 1/2
Seattle	11	14	.440	2 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Philadelphia	14	11	.560	—
New York	14	12	.538	1/2
Florida	13	12	.520	1
Washington	13	12	.520	1
Atlanta	11	14	.440	3

Central Division

St. Louis	18	8	.692	—
Chicago	13	13	.500	5
Cincinnati	13	13	.500	5
Milwaukee	10	15	.400	7 1/2
Pittsburgh	10	15	.400	7 1/2
Houston	8	17	.320	9 1/2

West Division

San Diego	16	10	.615	—
San Francisco	14	10	.583	1
Colorado	13	13	.500	3
Arizona	12	14	.462	4
Los Angeles	11	14	.440	4 1/2

Yesterday's Games

St. Louis 6, Philadelphia 3

Cincinnati 3, N.Y. Mets 2, 11 innings

Arizona 9, Houston 1

Colorado 5, San Diego 2

N.Y. Yankees 4, Baltimore 1

Toronto 5, Cleveland 1

Boston 17, L.A. Angels 8

Minnesota 10, Detroit 4

Chicago White Sox 5, Kansas City 1

Texas 4, Oakland 2

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LOCAL SCORE

SHIRLEY'S STANDINGS

MBI	11	2
World Resort	11	3
Aqua Resort	10	4
Mobil	10	4
Fiesta Resort	9	4
TBK	9	5
Bank of Guam	8	5
McGraw-Hill	6	6
Pacific Islands Club	6	7
Shirley's	6	7
AON/NJ Plus	5	6
Pepsi	3	9
Docomo/SGH	4	10
Hard Rock	1	13
Cell Pro	0	14

SURVIVORS

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Survivors, after four.

The Braves fended off the Survivors in the top of the fifth and scored a run in the bottom half as J.J. Lifoifo led off with a walk, stole a base, and was driven home by Lizama.

In the top of the sixth, Iglesias drew another walk and scored off a couple of wild pitches to raise the Survivors’ lead to 6-2. There the score would remain, as the Braves could not produce a last inning rally.

For the game, the Braves batters managed four hits and five walks, but struck out 13 times compared to the Survivors’ six hits, five walks, and eight strikeouts in a remarkably clean game with only a couple errors.

Lions 12, Enforcers 6

After the visiting Enforcers went 1-2-3 to start the game, the Lions struck first. Jesse Kalen ripped a triple and was knocked in by J.P. Taitano to give the Lions a 1-0 lead.

In the second, the Enforcers were quick to answer back. Cedric Camacho led off with a walk and was brought home by Kier Ada’s triple. Ada would later be driven in by Jaedrian Repeki to give the Enforcers a 2-1 lead after two.

In the bottom of the third, Kalen walked and scored off a passed ball to tie the game for the Lions.

At the top of the fourth, the Enforcers pushed the envelope as their first four batters reached and scored to give them a brief 6-2 lead.

In the bottom half, the Lions roared even louder and broke the game open with a huge eight run inning in the fourth.

With the score at 10-6, Lions after four, the Lions brought in Elias Maliti to relieve G-Boy Taitingfong on the mound. Maliti shut down the Enforcers’ offense while his team added two more runs to their lead in the fifth.

Ol’Aces 20, Hustlers 3

The visiting Ol’Aces wasted no time in their game against the Hustlers, batting all the way through their line up to post six runs in the top of the first.

The Hustlers tried to fight back as they managed two runs of their own in the bottom half.

Deon Santos singled his way on and a pitch hit Jason Villagomez. Peterson Rengiil connected

Team 1 and 2 win women's league opener

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The 2010 Marianas Variety Women's Basketball League kicked off Monday night with Team 1 and 2 posting contrasting wins at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Team 1 played in the first game against Team 6 and nailed an easy 71-47 victory, while Team 2 pulled off a 57-56 triumph against Team 5 in the second match.

The Lia Rangamar-captained Team 1 drew double figures from four players, as it outgunned Team 6 in the first half and in the fourth period. Jamie Mendoza logged 17 points, Glorily Williams and Roxanne Duenas chipped in 14 apiece, and Lena Guzman added 12.

Mendoza exploded early, hitting 14 points, 12 from downtown to lift Team 1 to a 22-8 win. It was all Team 1 show in the first half, as Team 6 had only Mercedes Mesa and Lynique Oveson trading baskets with Mendoza and crew.

Team 1 padded the lead to 17 at the break, 40-23, with Williams nailing eight of his total points in the second quarter.

In the third period, Team 1 slowed down a bit, as Team 6 outscored the former for the first time, 15-12. However, Team 1 was still ahead by double digits entering the final frame, 52-38, and regained its touch in the fourth, drawing contributions from seven players for a 24-point win.

In the second game, veteran Connie Camacho fired 24 points to lead Team 2 to a close win. Yvonne Bennett and Nicole Lebria gave Camacho enough support, chipping in 17 and 10 markers, respectively, to power Team 2 to a victory in its debut in the six-team league.

Team 2 trailed at the end of the third period, 40-44, before Bennett scored five points in the fourth and Camacho, Lebria, and Stacie Mizutani recorded four



Team 1's Roxanne Duenas, right, dribbles past Team 6's Lynique Oveson during their game in the opening day of the women's caging on Monday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Team 1 won, 71-47.

apiece to outgun Team 5, 17-12.

Lalaine Pagarao led Team 5's losing cause with her 25 points. Nikita Hofschneider and Amy Sletten had 16 and 15, respectively, for Team 5.

Meanwhile, two more teams will debut in the women's league tomorrow with Team 3 and 4 colliding in the second game at 8pm. In the first game at 6:30pm, Team 1 will duel Team 5.

Games in the women's league will be played every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The league will have a single-round robin regular season, while a double-elimination format will be implemented in the playoffs.

First Game

Team 1 71 – Mendoza 17, Williams 14, Duenas 14, Guzman 12, Rangamar 8, Sikyang 4, Faisao 2.

Team 6 47 – Mesa 16, Oveson 15, I. Palero 10, Bennett 4, Guan 2.

Scoring by quarters: 22-8, 40-23, 52-38, 71-47.

Second Game

Team 2 57 – Camacho 24, Bennett 17, Lebria 10, Mizutani 6.

Team 5 56 – Pagarao 25, Hofschneider 16, Sletten 15.

Scoring by quarters: 8-17, 27-21, 40-44, 57-56.

Mendoza qualifies for Mother's Day 8-ball



Juancho Mendoza grabbed the 12th spot in USS Peleliu Club's Mother's Day 8-Ball Tournament by going undefeated in Sunday's qualifier.

Thursday's free qualifying tournament is the last before the May 9 championship. The 13 winners and three second and third place winners with the most points will vie for the \$100 first prize, \$50 second prize, and in-house prizes. Pacific Amusement is providing trophies for each qualifying tournament winner and for the finals.

Mendoza will face off against Ron Chisato before Thursday's qualifier in a race-to-three match for a USSP T-shirt.

He scrambled to the top of the winner's bracket by defeating Leonard Sablan, Mark Butac, and Patrick Taitano in close matches. Taitano had sent Nizer Masayos and Erina Olkeril to the loser's bracket.

He may have been looking for a rematch, but Butac never gave him a shot. After eliminating Masayos and Sablan, he won the coin toss and ran the table from the break.

That seemed to give Mendoza focus, as he began the final by running seven balls. Butac had some success playing defensively in their previous game, but the cue ball rolled just a bit too far this time, giving Mendoza a relatively easy cut on the 8-ball and the championship.

Thursday's winner will join Larry Briones, Nolan Cultura, Marc Brian Nelvis, Rick Rengiil, Edward Suzuki, Taylor Watanabe, Mei Rengiil, Simeon Kapileo, Chester Cuento, and Chisato, Patrick Cepeda, and Mendoza in Sunday's Mother's Day tilt.

Butac currently holds the lead on points for one of the three "open" slots in the competition, with Olkeril, Quinton Ngirarois and Bernard Killeman are in a three-way tie for the other two.

Sign-up begins at 7:30pm for Thursday's qualifying tournament. There is no entry fee. All games are double-elimination, following Billiard Congress of America rules.

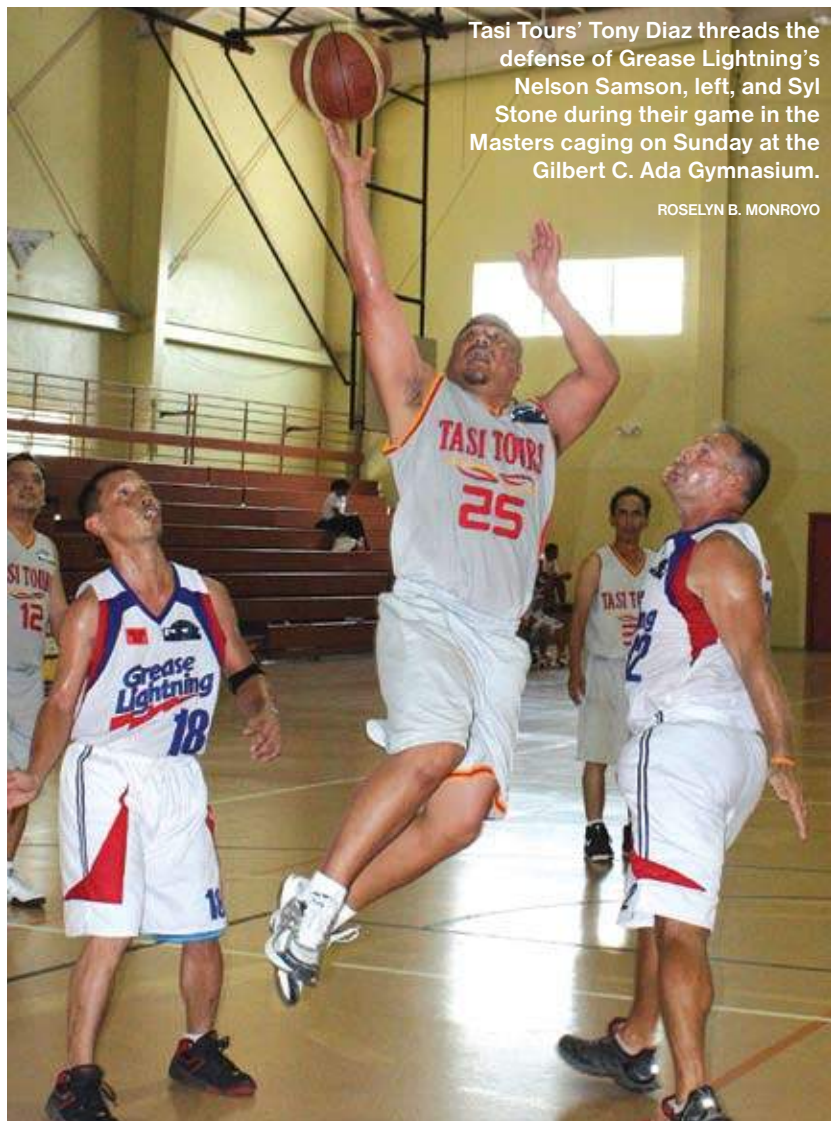
The May 9 final will begin at 7pm because of the full 16-player bracket.

For more information, contact USSP owners Rose or Ken Phillips at 233-1984. (USSP)



Juancho Mendoza won last Sunday's USS Peleliu Club's Mother's Day 8-Ball Tournament qualifier.

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Tasi Tours' Tony Diaz threads the defense of Grease Lightning's Nelson Samson, left, and Syl Stone during their game in the Masters caging on Sunday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Tasi Tours pummels Grease Lightning

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Tony Diaz exploded for 51 points, powering Tasi Tours to 105-79 rout of Grease Lightning during their game in the 2010 MBFNM 35A Masters Basketball League on Sunday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Diaz scored on layups, drives, and long jumpers, toying around with Grease Lightning's defense or the lack of it. Grease Lightning played with a depleted crew, allowing Diaz and company easy shots.

Diaz opened the game with a triple and went on to score 13 more points, ending the first period with his second trey of the match to give Tasi Tours a big 30-12 lead.

It was all Diaz and Tasi Tours in the remaining three quarters, as Grease Lightning had only Nelson Samson and Rey Perez consistently scoring for the team. Samson finished with 41 markers, while Perez chipped in 15.

Bobby Geli contributed 16 for Tasi Tours, while Richard Alejandro and Roy Cruz added 12 and 10, respectively.

Team 10 77, Grease Lightning 76

Grease Lightning also played on Saturday and suffered two losses over the weekend, as Team 10 edged the former, 77-76.

Nat Banatasa scored the last five points for Team 10 to lift the squad to a one-point victory. Banatasa logged a team-high 25 points, joining forces with Jerome Reyes in leading Team 10. Reyes contributed 24 markers, while Larry Serrano also posted double figures in scoring, hitting 14.

Team 10 and Grease Lightning had a seesaw battle with the first period ending in a deadlock, 18-all, before the former led at the break, 44-38. Samson and Perez then put Grease Lightning in the driver's seat in the third, 59-56, forcing Team 10 to play catch up in the fourth.

In the payoff canto, Banatasa drilled nine markers, while Reyes and Serrano added six apiece to lift Team 10 to the victory.

QQ Rent a Car 85, Above the Rim 69

In the second game, QQ Rent a Car defeated Above the Rim, 85-69.

Trailing at the end of the first quarter, 13-16, QQ Rent held Above the Rim to eight points in the second period to grab the lead at the break, 39-24, and eventually took the win.

Warren Villegas paced QQ Rent with

27 points, while Teofilo Alfonso and Danny Illahi recorded 10 apiece.

Frank Babauta led Above the Rim's cause with 28 markers.

SATURDAY First Game

QQ Rent a Car 85 – Villegas 27, Teo 10, Illahi 10, Pablo 8, Darag 7, Liberato 7, Salazar 3, Lopez 2.

Above the Rim 69 – Babauta 28, Santos 18, Camacho 4, Suda 4, Cabaddu 4, David 2.

Scoring by quarters: 13-16, 39-24, 64-48, 85-69.

Second Game

Team 10 77 – Banatasa 25, Reyes 24, Serrano 14, Cruz 6, Betry 2.

Grease Lightning 76 – Samson 24, Perez 24, Camacho 11, Cepeda 5, Siemens 2, Alvarez 2.

Scoring by quarters: 18-18, 44-38, 56-59, 77-76.

SUNDAY

Tasi Tours 105 – Diaz 51, Geli 16, Alejandro 12, Cruz 10, Cabrera 5, Generoso 3.

Grease Lightning 79 – Samson 41, Perez 15, Villasan 12, Babauta 6, Siemens 2, Alvarez 2.

Scoring by quarters: 30-12, 46-25, 79-44, 105-79.

Rondo has 19 assists, Celtics tie series with Cavs
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Fielders beat Falcons, advance to finals

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The Fielders eliminated the Falcons last Monday night in Game 2 of their 2010 Saipan Major League best-of-three playoff series that ended in a very close 6-5 score and went all the way down to the wire.

The Fielders play the winner of the other semis pairing between the Rangers and Brewers which takes place to-night at 6:30pm at Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.



The action started in the top of the third as the visiting Fielders' Justin Reyes reached with a single and later scored off an error in leftfield.

The Falcons answered right back in the bottom half as Juan Tenorio and Tako Camacho reached off a double and a single before touching home off wild pitches. After the wild pitches, the Fielders elected to relieve starting pitcher Ionis Rasa with Elijah Aughenbaugh to close the final out of the third inning.



WALTER SUTHERLAND

The Fielders defeated the Falcons in two games of their best of three 2010 Saipan major League playoff series last Monday night at Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield and will face the winner of the 2010 SML game three playoff series between the Rangers and the Brewers for the 2010 SML Championship. During Monday's Game 2, the Fielders just edged out the Falcons in a very close 6-5 chess match.

Then the Fielders tied it up in the top of the fourth. Aughenbaugh led off with a single and was driven home off a Ryan Lisua base hit. The Falcons recovered, however, closing out the fourth inning just as the Fielders loaded the bases.

The score would remain tied at 2-2 until the top of the seventh inning with Fielders starting at the top of their order. Justin Reyes and Juan Maratita would both reach off errors. Reyes scored off an error and

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AON steals win from TBK Auto Shop

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AON/NJ Pro Plus played the spoiler's role, pulling off an 83-81 come-from-behind win over TBK Auto Shop in the second game in the 2nd Annual Shirley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League on Monday at the JP Center Basketball Court.

The sorry loss dropped TBK out of contention for the Top 4 slots in the playoffs. Teams finishing in the Top 4 after the single-round elimination will get a bye in the first round of the playoffs. The fifth to 12th finisher will play in single-elimination playoffs to join the first four to the next round.

TBK completed the regular season with a 9-5 record, leaving Aqua Resort Club (10-4), Mobil (10-4), and Fiesta Resort (9-4) the chance to battle for the last two berths in the Top 4. Pennant champion Micronesian Brokers, Inc. (11-2) and World Resort/Advance (11-3) had already notched the first two spots.

A Fiesta Resort win over MBI tonight will give the former the No. 3 spot and the No. 4 berth to Mobil. Mobil and Aqua Resort have identical 10-4

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TBK Auto Shop's Kae Bernardo has nowhere to go, as he is sandwiched by AON/NJ Pro Plus' Leo Factor, left, and Jorge De Guzman during their game in the Shirley's caging on Monday at the JP Center Basketball Court.

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Survivors give Braves second upset in a row, 6-2

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True to their name, the Survivors did just that against the Braves and eked out an upset victory, 6-2, last Saturday in the Majors Division of the 2010 Saipan Little League at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

The Survivors struck first in the top of the second. George Pangelinan led off with a walk and Joseph Seo later reached with a base hit. Anthony De-leon Guerrero singled home Pangelinan and Seo scored off an error.

After the Braves failed to answer, the Survivors marked two more runs in the top of the third. Jerry Kintol led off with a single just before Caleb Takao was awarded first base after being hit by a pitch. With zero outs, James Kintaro knocked a two RBI double that brought in Kintol and Takao.

Then in the bottom of the third, the Braves got a run back as Jay Kalen drew a walk and was later driven in by Franklin Lizama.

In the top of the fourth, the Survivors got the run back as Dion Iglesias drew a walk with two outs and was singled home by Kintol.

After the Braves failed to answer in the bottom half, the score was 5-1,

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WALTER SUTHERLAND

James Kintaro came in the fifth inning for the Survivors and promptly shut down the Braves and sealed the upset victory during Saturday's 2010 Saipan Little League Majors Division matchup held at Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

3 ease past foes in May roll-offs

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The road to victory was easy for Carol McKenzie, Raymond Zapanta, and M.J. Aldan, as the three prevailed in the May roll-offs with big winning margins.

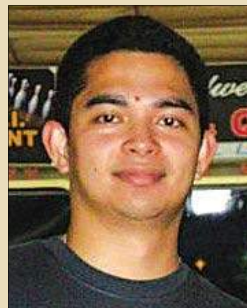
In the Budweiser Queen of the Lanes tournament, McKenzie's first day score of 687 on Sunday was undefeated in Day 2, as the best that eventual runner-up Mel Regis could do was tallied 659 pinfalls.

McKenzie had her best showing in

Game 3, knocking 180 pinfalls and then closed out with 174 in Game 4. She had 168 and 165 pinfalls in Games 1 and 2 for an average of 171.75 and 28-pinfall win over Regis. McKenzie also bowled in Day 2 and had the tournament third best of 653 pinfalls. However, only the higher score is counted for the rankings, giving Ron Cal (649) the third place.

Six others joined the monthly roll-offs for female keglers. The bowlers, with their four-game scores in parenthesis, were Yho Villavicencio (647), Cora Muna (642), Gloria Omeche-lang (632), Diane Chong (613),

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Zapanta



McKenzie



Aldan